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A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, January 7, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda.)

2. SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY AT JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER AND LOG CABIN RANCH **DISCUSSION**
(Presentation and discussion on the Juvenile Justice Center and Log Cabin Ranch Libraries)
Explanatory Document: SFPL at Juvenile Justice Center and Log Cabin Ranch presentation.

3. FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS AND 2010-11 BUDGET PRIORITIES **DISCUSSION**
(Presentation and discussion of the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Mid-Year adjustments and Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Priorities)
Explanatory documents: FY 09-10 Mid-year Adjustments and FY 10-11 Budget Priorities

4. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT by Luis Herrera **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Annual Report; Donation of Books from Vietnamese Delegation; Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS) Innovation Grants; and presentation to Mayor's Office of Disability Council.
Explanatory documents: Annual Report and BALIS Innovation Grants.

5. LABOR UNION REPORT **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 5, 2009 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2009.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2009 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2009.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

8. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 1/4/2010

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Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said a review of library activities related to the Sunshine Law for 2009 produces some unfortunate results.

Ellen Egbert, Bernal Heights said the Bernal Heights Branch library will be opening on January 30 and she said she hopes all the Commissioners will attend. She said when you go you will see how beautiful the interior of the building is.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY AT JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER AND LOG CABIN RANCH

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the librarians from the Juvenile Justice Center and Log Cabin Ranch will be giving a report on the program.

Rachel Bernstein, Librarian Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and Dale Jenne, Librarian Log Cabin Ranch (LCR) gave a report and said the JJC

has 5000 titles and that it is a warm and inviting space. They said they are assisted by a Page, Cindy Lu. They said that Rachel frequently visits the living units and they explained the programs and goals at the JJC. They said the LCR has approximately 800 titles. They said they encourage reading for pleasure and/or education. They said there are unique issues that are being addressed by a draft Memorandum of Understanding being developed with the Juvenile Probation Department.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said how lucky the Library is to have these two Librarians working on these programs.

Rachel Bernstein said the Study Hall at the JJC is to help the youth work with volunteer mentors and work online to look for jobs, or get a GED or other interests they may have.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it is gratifying to speak on a subject that can be universally praised. He said in the 80s there was only a visiting librarian at the JJC and he is glad to see that has changed. He said this is a very valuable asset.

Peter Warfield said he wondered how many patrons or library card users are using these facilities. He said he was concerned about the number of employees and the breakdown of their hours. He said these programs should have the ability to have access to the general library collection.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked for a little more background on the program.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services said when she started in 1992 there were no services at either location. She said around 1993 the Library started to send a librarian occasionally to the JJC. She said they eventually hired a librarian to go down to Log Cabin every couple of weeks. She said there is now a full time librarian at Log Cabin Ranch.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there are about 2.5 FTEs serving the programs. He said the programs are an important piece of the Library's effort to serve the community.

Dale Jenna, Librarian LCR said she is trying to echo some of the programs at the teen centers in some of the branches.

Commissioner Kane asked about the Memorandum of Understanding and what sort of issues are being covered.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the MOU covers things like hard cover books and how much time the youths can spend in the library. She

said if there are disagreements between the two departments the MOU also resolves how the differences will be settled.

Dale Jenne, Librarian LCR, responded to a question from Commissioner Munson and said there are currently 12 youth at Log Cabin Ranch and that number will be tripling by March. She said there has been as many as 80.

Rachel Bernstein said at JJC there are about 20 young women and 100 – 120 young men.

Commissioner Ono asked about security.

Rachel Bernstein said wherever there is a youth in the facility there is security.

Commissioner Lee said he did not know this program existed and it is very interesting.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a budget for this program.

President Gomez asked about the titles in the collection.

Rachel Bernstein said the collection is ordered specially through the Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS AND 2010-11 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said this is the beginning of several meetings discussing the budget.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on the 2009-10 Budget Adjustments and the FY 10-11 Budget Priorities. He explained the Budget Climate for San Francisco and said the Library's revenue for FY 10-11 is estimated to be $7.1M (9%) less than original FY 09-10 budget. He said the Mid-year adjustments will include reductions in constrained labor cost, reduced books & materials, non-labor and other to be determined equaling $2.1 million.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave more detail on the Mid-year Adjustments for Books and Materials including adult periodicals, databases, branch adult, main adult print and standing orders, children & teens, end of year cancellations and reduced processing costs - vendors.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said the budget timeline is similar to what they have been in the past. He said the Budget submission is due to the Controller's Office on February 22, 2010.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the FY10-11 Budget Priorities are: Services, Programs and Outreach; Library Collections; Targeted Technologies; Facilities and Asset Management; Public Safety; and Security and Workforce Development. He said the next steps are to receive input from the Library Commission on priorities, monitor baseline revenues, fill critical public service positions, budget review at February 4th Commission meeting, and budget approval at the February 19th Commission meeting.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said since most of the shortfall comes from the property tax revenue side that means the library is suffering more than other departments. He said there is a silver lining with respect to budget constraints and that is that you have to get serious about priorities.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is very troubled by the lack of certain figures including totals and percentages. He said programs need to be looked at when the basic bread and butter items are being starved.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lee said they don't need to have every item itemized. He asked about the $2.1 million shortfall.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said the $2.1 million was based on the Controller's Office estimate done at the end of the first quarter.

Commissioner Lee said BLIP soft costs could help reduce the $2.1 million.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the BLIP program still has obligations it needs to meet. He said we still need to address the $2.1 million shortfall.

Commissioner Kane clarified that there would be no layoffs.

Luis Herrera said there are no layoffs, but there are a significant number of open positions, so it does have an impact.

Commissioner Kane said it would be helpful to look at the numbers line by line with comparisons of real numbers and comparisons with previous years. He said he would like to know how much is paid by the library for pensions and health care for former employees.

Luis Herrera said there are some general fund obligations and that could impact the Library's budget. He said the Library's budget is made up of both property tax revenue and the general fund.

Commissioner Kane said his priorities are core functions like having the library open and available for the public to use. He said he thinks

computer access to the public is critical. He said he would like to see cuts from other than core services.

Luis Herrera responded to a question from Commissioner Ono and said there had been approximately 7% increase in the property tax for the last five or six years and on the general fund side it has been 9%. He said last spring they began to see a decline.

President Gomez said the priorities grow from conversations by the Commission throughout the year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said they have produced an annual report that actually covers 2 years. He said in order to be green we hope that most people will view it on line, but there are a very limited amount of copies available. He said this was done in conjunction with the Friends of the Library and we should be very proud of it.

Anne Wintroub, Friends of the Library, said the Friends are proud of this joint collaboration with the Library. She said the theme for the report is being open and she read a small part of the report. She said the Taproot Foundation lent their expertise to the production of this report. She said the report serves as a model for colleagues across the country to help them express the ways public and private partnerships can achieve such tremendous results for the community.

Luis Herrera said last November a delegation from Viet Nam including the Deputy Prime Minister visited San Francisco to promote business and culture. As part of the visit, the Library received over 500 Vietnamese language/titled materials. He said Vice-Chair Lee Munson helped us in coordinating the logistics and he also attended a reception at the Main Library where we officially received the books from the delegation.

Brian Bannon, Chief of Branches said the Physical Access Committee, which is an advisory Body to the Mayor's Office of Disability invited us to give a presentation on the BLIP program and specifically highlighting areas of accessibility. He said they were also asked to give a presentation to the entire Mayor's Office of Disability on December 18. He said during the course of discussion with them they found out that the North Beach Branch Library programming is currently not in compliance with Federal and State law and not in compliance with the City of San Francisco mandate relating to persons with disabilities. He said the library has been advised that it must discontinue public programming at the North Beach Branch and we are looking at relocating the programming.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Bay Area Library Information System or (BALIS) has a grant program which the library has applied for. He said the Library has received two grants. He said we received $11,550 for the Library Accessibility Toolkit and $3,000 for Online Training Tutorials.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the Annual Report says the Library provides free and open access. He said if you are an ordinary citizen you can get a cheap Xerox copy. He said the Annual Report used to be rolled out as a big deal and the Commissioners signed off on it. He said this is the nightmare he has been predicting all these years.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee, said it is good that the Library and the Friends could get together to save some money on preparing this. She said the print is a little small and the pages are not numbered. She said there is a back story on the disabled access at the North Beach Branch. She said Brian Bannon gave a really good presentation, but she said there would be access to the programming area if the fence in the back was removed.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Annual Report is more of a sales pitch than it is a report. He said he is very sorry to see that the Library has joined with the Friends on this report. He said the report is filled with nice words which in some cases hide or misrepresent what is going on. He said he did not see any input from the Library Commission on this report.

Commission Discussion

President Gomez said she enjoyed working on the report as part of the committee that prepared it. She said according with the wishes of the City the Annual Report is available on line.

Commissioner Kane clarified that the Friends will still be making their annual report separate from this one.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 LABOR UNION REPORT

Cathy Bremer, representing SEIU 1021, said it is going to be a tough budget year and she hopes that with the really good relationship labor has with the City Librarian and the administration that they can come to an agreement when it comes to efficiencies. She said staff is doing so much more and there are legitimate restraints on the ability to continue to provide more services. She said they are looking forward to having a good productive couple of years during this tough time.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it is the first time we have had a labor union report in a while. He said the issues addressed while fascinating were couched in very oblique and well concealed terms. He said what people mean by priorities is different for everyone speaking the term.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said we have not had a report in some time and he agrees with the previous speaker that a great deal was implied but not actually said. He said the best search engine is a librarian. He said there are issues about the way in which positions are being staffed and not staffed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the minutes do include his citizen summaries but they don't show up where it would be meaningful. He said on page one his comments were not accurately reflected. He said on page two Katie Gough's comments did not include a colorful story she told about the Bernal mural.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the phrase on page one the anonymous citizen referred to does not make much sense as reflected in the minutes. He said on page four under public comment under agenda item no. 2 his comment would be accurate if there were a few words added at the very end. He said it would be more accurate to read "the Library has not taken good care of the historic and artistic heritage of its buildings." He said on page 9 his comments on item no. 9 could be improved.

Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner Munson seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the minutes of November 5, 2009.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the three comments on the first page represent comments from people who often speak here and they are very egregious distortions of what those people meant to convey.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said according to Roberts Rules of Order the Minutes should be taken first on the agenda. He said we go through the motion of trying to assist you in making corrections or in making the minutes more accurate in what has happened. He said once again it is a charade. He said we will speak for three minutes and the Commission will pass the minutes without change almost as always.

Motion: By Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said San Francisco Librarian John Philbrook recently passed away. He said John Philbrook was a library hero and a hero of humanity. He said he was the librarian who drew attention to the Main Library's betrayal of its promise.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said that John Philbrook was a long time librarian here and elsewhere. He said his memory includes one of the darkest moments of the library's history. He read from an article in the San Francisco Weekly about John Philbrook. He asked that the Library Commission adjourn in his honor.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the regular meeting of January 7, 2010 in honor of John Philbrook, a much respected children's librarian who died during December, 2009.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Every January you hold election of officers. This year your president has been found guilty of a willful violation of the Sunshine Ordinance, and referred to the Ethics Commission for determination of official misconduct.

To reelect President Gomez would ratify her actions and send a message that Jewell Gomez' actions expresses the will and intention of the Commission. However, to vote otherwise would be a vote of no confidence. Like all gangs, your highest value is to stick together.

You have a vested interest in protecting the Friends & Foundation, or at least concealing what fools you were to give it money. This conflicts with your duty to the public, and the idea that you owe a duty to truth.

You cannot ratify your president, but you have to show solidarity to your gang. Your answer is to invoke categorical irresponsibility and have no election at all.

Item 2: San Francisco Public Library at Juvenile Justice Center and Log Cabin Ranch

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

It is a pleasure to speak on something that is the object of universal praise, and I certainly have nothing but positive things to say. I was a close friend of the librarian who did it in the 1980's, when it was very much an "out-patient" operation, so it is good that has changed.

Do the users have access to the larger collection? Access to the larger collection is an important aspect of library service. I also wonder what the "waiting list" might refer to, since openness is an important aspect of library service.

What impresses me most is the seriousness of the endeavor. What we call teen centers are often patronizing and condescending. There is none of that here. This has a focus on education, skills and the values of reading, so kudos all around.

Item 3: Fiscal Year 2009-10 Mid-Year Adjustments and 2010-11 Budget Priorities
Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Regarding Library Preservation Fund planning, this cold day in hell was thought to be impossible. The speaker claims the budget shortfall is due to the property tax side, which suggests we are suffering more than general fund departments.

The silver lining with respect to budget constraints is the necessity to get serious about priorities. You and the Supervisors had serious questions several years ago regarding effectiveness measures, and we never heard about it again.

If we really are facing budget constraints, effective use of our money is the priority. What sense does it make to defer expenses, if the deferral does not save us anything?

With $12-14 million in the reserve, we could refuse to care, but we have no assurances about the future. In January 2008, the first baby boomer filed for Social Security.

Item 4: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

What a nightmare. Does the library commission consider this its Annual Report? It claims to provide access but an ordinary member of the public can only see it in a bad photocopy and needs the disability toolkit to read it.

Formerly, the annual report was a serious aspect of the commissioners' yearly function, and it was signed by each commissioner.

Now the annual report is a joint venture with the Friends & Foundation, put together by one of their little committees, and arrives here as a fait accompli. It does not even come before you, much less us. This is the fruition of the complete nightmare of privatization. Even the essential function of the annual report is a mere advertising tool.

It was suggested that your conversation here constitutes the priorities of the library. I hope not.

Item 5: Labor Union Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

I am sure you don't ever want to forget public comment.

This is the first Labor Union report in a while, and the issues addressed were fascinating but they were couched in oblique and well concealed terms.

What people mean by priorities is a bit different to anyone speaking the term. Almost everything that comes before you, whether it be efficiencies, openness, or universal access contains some sort of ambiguity.

I wish that the comments from the Labor Union representative had been a little more descriptive about what she is talking about because those are real challenges.

Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (November 5, 2009)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

These minutes represent an attempt to put a nice face on what is increasing problematic. Thank you for your attendance, since these meetings are so negative I can barely stand to come myself.

The minutes contain my citizen summaries but not in the place where they would be meaningful, and the body of the minutes blatantly obscure what is said.

On page one, the danger of private money is that the value placed above public interest is truth does not matter and sociopaths are in charge.

The architectural historian was not disappointed in the BLIP program. What he said was that he was shocked and appalled at the neglect of the library's historical resources.

On page 2, Katie Gough told a colorful story, about repairing the graffiti-impacted mural herself that has been completely lost.

Item 7: Approval of the Minutes (November 19, 2009)

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The comments on page one, from people who often speak, are egregious distortions of what was intended.

The anonymous citizen's comment about the provoked neighbor was actually about the much larger point that you had placed your arrogance above accountability and that your capacity for cruelty had become a badge of your success.

Sue Cauthen praised Commissioner Kane for mentioning accountability to the public and emphasized the importance of keeping faith with the public.

Peter Warfield's thesis was not just the lack of response, but that your silence was an endorsement of the wrongdoing. If you want to fix these, you would say that the irresponsibility of the library commission is shown by its refusal to make any response.

But your priority is to make these minutes beneficial to yourselves rather than reflect the actual meeting.

Item 8: Adjournment

Anonymous Citizen: San Francisco Librarian John Philbrook recently passed away on December 13, and at the supervisors' meeting Supervisor Dufty mentioned that he was beloved and his professional accomplishments. In fact, Mr. Philbrook was not just a library hero, but a hero of humanity who we are rarely privileged to have walk among us.

It was John Philbrook who drew attention to this Main Library's betrayal of its promise which was being concealed and drafted a public letter to address the problems.

Shortly after he was confronted with anonymous charges of sexual harassment. The library later learned he was gay, and he was soon fired from the San Francisco Public Library on child molestation charges.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said usually on the January agenda there is an item for the election of Commission officers. He said in the past the December meeting had the nomination of officers and the election took place in January. He said this year the President has been found guilty of a willful violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. He said to return Jewelle Gomez to the Presidency would be to ratify her actions.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said a review of library activities related to the Sunshine Law for 2009 produces some unfortunate results.

President Gomez made the statement that item 4 the Branch Library Improvement Program Budget Transfers will be heard following the City Librarian's Report.

Ellen Egbert, Bernal Heights said the Bernal Heights Branch library will be opening on January 30 and she said she hopes all the Commissioners will attend. She said when you go you will see how beautiful the interior of the building is.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY AT JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER AND LOG CABIN RANCH

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the librarians from the Juvenile Justice Center and Log Cabin Ranch will be giving a report on the program.

Rachel Bernstein, Librarian Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and Dale Jenne, Librarian Log Cabin Ranch (LCR) gave a report and said the JJC has 5000 titles and that it is a warm and inviting space. They said they are assisted by a Page, Cindy Lu. They said that Rachel frequently visits the living units and they explained the programs and goals at the JJC. They said the LCR has approximately 800 titles. They said they encourage reading for pleasure and/or education. They said there are unique issues that are being addressed by a draft Memorandum of Understanding being developed with the Juvenile Probation Department.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said how lucky the Library is to have these two Librarians working on these programs.

Rachel Bernstein said the Study Hall at the JJC is to help the youth work with volunteer mentors and work online to look for jobs, or get a GED or other interests they may have.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it is gratifying to speak on a subject that can be universally praised. He said in the 80s there was only a visiting librarian at the JJC and he is glad to see that has changed. He said this is a very valuable asset.

Peter Warfield said he wondered how many patrons or library card users are using these facilities. He said he was concerned about the number of employees and the breakdown of their hours. He said these programs should have the ability to have access to the general library collection.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked for a little more background on the program.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services said when she started in 1992 there were no services at either location. She said around 1993 the Library started to send a librarian occasionally to the JJC. She said they eventually hired a librarian to go down to Log Cabin every couple of weeks. She said there is now a full time librarian at Log Cabin Ranch.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there are about 2.5 FTEs serving the programs. He said the programs are an important piece of the Library's effort to serve the community.

Dale Jenna, Librarian LCR said she is trying to echo some of the programs at the teen centers in some of the branches.

Commissioner Kane asked about the Memorandum of Understanding and what sort of issues are being covered.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the MOU covers things like hard cover books and how much time the youths can spend in the library. She said if there are disagreements between the two departments the MOU also resolves how the differences will be settled.

Dale Jenne, Librarian LCR, responded to a question from Commissioner Munson and said there are currently 12 youth at Log Cabin Ranch and that number will be tripling by March. She said there has been as many as 80.

Rachel Bernstein said at JJC there are about 20 young women and 100 – 120 young men.

Commissioner Ono asked about security.

Rachel Bernstein said wherever there is a youth in the facility there is security.

Commissioner Lee said he did not know this program existed and it is very interesting.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a budget for this program.

President Gomez asked about the titles in the collection.

Rachel Bernstein said the collection is ordered specially through the Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS AND 2010-11 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said this is the beginning of several meetings discussing the budget.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation on the 2009-10 Budget Adjustments and the FY 10-11 Budget Priorities. He explained the Budget Climate for San Francisco and said the Library's revenue for FY 10-11 is estimated to be $7.1M (9%) less than original FY 09-10 budget. He said the Mid-year adjustments will include reductions in constrained labor cost, reduced books & materials, non-labor and other to be determined equaling $2.1 million.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave more detail on the Mid-year Adjustments for Books and Materials including adult periodicals, databases, branch adult, main adult print and standing orders, children & teens, end of year cancellations and reduced processing costs - vendors.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said the budget timeline is similar to what they have been in the past. He said the Budget submission is due to the Controller's Office on February 22, 2010.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the FY10-11 Budget Priorities are: Services, Programs and Outreach; Library Collections; Targeted Technologies; Facilities and Asset Management; Public Safety; and Security and Workforce Development. He said the next steps are to receive input from the Library Commission on priorities, monitor baseline revenues, fill critical public service positions, budget review at February 4th Commission meeting, and budget approval at the February 19th Commission meeting.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said since most of the shortfall comes from the property tax revenue side that means the library is suffering more than other departments. He said there is a silver lining with respect to budget constraints and that is that you have to get serious about priorities.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is very troubled by the lack of certain figures including totals and percentages. He said programs need to be looked at when the basic bread and butter items are being starved.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lee said they don't need to have every item itemized. He asked about the $2.1 million shortfall.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said the $2.1 million was based on the Controller's Office estimate done at the end of the first quarter.

Commissioner Lee said BLIP soft costs could help reduce the $2.1 million.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the BLIP program still has obligations it needs to meet. He said we still need to address the $2.1 million shortfall.

Commissioner Kane clarified that there would be no layoffs.

Luis Herrera said there are no layoffs, but there are a significant number of open positions, so it does have an impact.

Commissioner Kane said it would be helpful to look at the numbers line by line with comparisons of real numbers and comparisons with previous years. He said he would like to know how much is paid by the library for pensions and health care for former employees.

Luis Herrera said there are some general fund obligations and that could impact the Library's budget. He said the Library's budget is made up of both property tax revenue and the general fund.

Commissioner Kane said his priorities are core functions like having the library open and available for the public to use. He said he thinks computer access to the public is critical. He said he would like to see cuts from other than core services.

Luis Herrera responded to a question from Commissioner Ono and said there had been approximately 7% increase in the property tax for the last five or six years and on the general fund side it has been 9%. He said last spring they began to see a decline.

President Gomez said the priorities grow from conversations by the Commission throughout the year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said they have produced an annual report that actually covers 2 years. He said in order to be green we hope that most people will view it on line, but there are a very limited amount of copies available. He said this was done in conjunction with the Friends of the Library and we should be very proud of it.

Anne Wintroub, Friends of the Library, said the Friends are proud of this joint collaboration with the Library. She said the theme for the report is being open and she read a small part of the report. She said the Taproot Foundation lent their expertise to the production of this report. She said the report serves as a model for colleagues across the country to help them express the ways public and private partnerships can achieve such tremendous results for the community.

Luis Herrera said last November a delegation from Viet Nam including the Deputy Prime Minister visited San Francisco to promote business and culture. As part of the visit, the Library received over 500 Vietnamese language/titled materials. He said Vice-Chair Lee Munson helped us in coordinating the logistics and he also attended a reception at the Main Library where we officially received the books from the delegation.

Brian Bannon, Chief of Branches said the Physical Access Committee, which is an advisory Body to the Mayor's Office of Disability invited us to give a presentation on the BLIP program and specifically highlighting areas of accessibility. He said they were also asked to give a presentation to the entire Mayor's Office of Disability on December 18. He said during the course of discussion with them they found out that the North Beach Branch Library programming is currently not in compliance with Federal and State law and not in compliance with the City of San Francisco mandate relating to persons with disabilities. He said the library has been advised that it must discontinue public programming at

the North Beach Branch and we are looking at relocating the programming.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Bay Area Library Information System or (BALIS) has a grant program which the library has applied for. He said the Library has received two grants. He said we received $11,550 for the Library Accessibility Toolkit and $3,000 for Online Training Tutorials.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the Annual Report says the Library provides free and open access. He said if you are an ordinary citizen you can get a cheap Xerox copy. He said the Annual Report used to be rolled out as a big deal and the Commissioners signed off on it. He said this is the nightmare he has been predicting all these years.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee, said it is good that the Library and the Friends could get together to save some money on preparing this. She said the print is a little small and the pages are not numbered. She said there is a back story on the disabled access at the North Beach Branch. She said Brian Bannon gave a really good presentation, but she said there would be access to the programming area if the fence in the back was removed.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Annual Report is more of a sales pitch than it is a report. He said he is very sorry to see that the Library has joined with the Friends on this report. He said the report is filled with nice words which in some cases hide or misrepresent what is going on. He said he did not see any input from the Library Commission on this report.

Commission Discussion

President Gomez said she enjoyed working on the report as part of the committee that prepared it. She said according with the wishes of the City the Annual Report is available on line.

Commissioner Kane clarified that the Friends will still be making their annual report separate from this one.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 LABOR UNION REPORT

Cathy Bremer, representing SEIU 1021, said it is going to be a tough budget year and she hopes that with the really good relationship labor has with the City Librarian and the administration that they can come to an agreement when it comes to efficiencies. She said staff is doing so much more and there are legitimate restraints on the ability to continue to provide more services. She said they are looking forward to having a good productive couple of years during this tough time.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said it is the first time we have had a labor union report in a while. He said the issues addressed while fascinating were couched in very oblique and well concealed terms. He said what people mean by priorities is different for everyone speaking the term.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said we have not had a report in some time and he agrees with the previous speaker that a great deal was implied but not actually said. He said the best search engine is a librarian. He said there are issues about the way in which positions are being staffed and not staffed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the minutes do include his citizen summaries but they don't show up where it would be meaningful. He said on page one his comments were not accurately reflected. He said on page two Katie Gough's comments did not include a colorful story she told about the Bernal mural.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the phrase on page one the anonymous citizen referred to does not make much sense as reflected in the minutes. He said on page four under public comment under agenda item no. 2 his comment would be accurate if there were a few words added at the very end. He said it would be more accurate to read "the Library has not taken good care of the historic and artistic heritage of its buildings." He said on page 9 his comments on item no. 9 could be improved.

Commission Discussion

Motion: By Commissioner Munson seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the minutes of November 5, 2009.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the three comments on the first page represent comments from people who often speak here and they are very egregious distortions of what those people meant to convey.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said according to Roberts Rules of Order the Minutes should be taken first on the agenda. He said we go through the motion of trying to assist you in making corrections or

in making the minutes more accurate in what has happened. He said once again it is a charade. He said we will speak for three minutes and the Commission will pass the minutes without change almost as always.

Motion: By Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said San Francisco Librarian John Philbrook recently passed away. He said John Philbrook was a library hero and a hero of humanity. He said he was the librarian who drew attention to the Main Library's betrayal of its promise.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said that John Philbrook was a long time librarian here and elsewhere. He said his memory includes one of the darkest moments of the library's history. He read from an article in the San Francisco Weekly about John Philbrook. He asked that the Library Commission adjourn in his honor.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the regular meeting of January 7, 2010 in honor of John Philbrook, a much respected children's librarian who died during December, 2009.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Every January you hold election of officers. This year your president has been found guilty of a willful violation of the Sunshine Ordinance, and referred to the Ethics Commission for determination of official misconduct.

To reelect President Gomez would ratify her actions and send a message that Jewell Gomez' actions expresses the will and intention of the Commission. However, to vote otherwise would be a vote of no confidence. Like all gangs, your highest value is to stick together.

You have a vested interest in protecting the Friends & Foundation, or at least concealing what fools you were to give it money. This conflicts with your duty to the public, and the idea that you owe a duty to truth.

You cannot ratify your president, but you have to show solidarity to your gang. Your answer is to invoke categorical irresponsibility and have no election at all.

Item 2: San Francisco Public Library at Juvenile Justice Center and Log Cabin Ranch

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

It is a pleasure to speak on something that is the object of universal praise, and I certainly have nothing but positive things to say. I was a close friend of the librarian who did it in the 1980's, when it was very much an "out-patient" operation, so it is good that has changed.

Do the users have access to the larger collection? Access to the larger collection is an important aspect of library service. I also wonder what the "waiting list" might refer to, since openness is an important aspect of library service.

What impresses me most is the seriousness of the endeavor. What we call teen centers are often patronizing and condescending. There is none of that here. This has a focus on education, skills and the values of reading, so kudos all around.

Item 3: Fiscal Year 2009-10 Mid-Year Adjustments and 2010-11 Budget Priorities
Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Regarding Library Preservation Fund planning, this cold day in hell was thought to be impossible. The speaker claims the budget shortfall is due to the property tax side, which suggests we are suffering more than general fund departments.

The silver lining with respect to budget constraints is the necessity to get serious about priorities. You and the Supervisors had serious questions several years ago regarding effectiveness measures, and we never heard about it again.

If we really are facing budget constraints, effective use of our money is the priority. What sense does it make to defer expenses, if the deferral does not save us anything?

With $12-14 million in the reserve, we could refuse to care, but we have no assurances about the future. In January 2008, the first baby boomer filed for Social Security.

Item 4: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

What a nightmare. Does the library commission consider this its Annual Report? It claims to provide access but an ordinary member of the public can only see it in a bad photocopy and needs the disability toolkit to read it.

Formerly, the annual report was a serious aspect of the commissioners' yearly function, and it was signed by each commissioner.

Now the annual report is a joint venture with the Friends & Foundation, put together by one of their little committees, and arrives here as a fait accompli. It does not even come before you, much less us. This is the fruition of the complete nightmare of privatization. Even the essential function of the annual report is a mere advertising tool.

It was suggested that your conversation here constitutes the priorities of the library. I hope not.

Item 5: Labor Union Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

I am sure you don't ever want to forget public comment.

This is the first Labor Union report in a while, and the issues addressed were fascinating but they were couched in oblique and well concealed terms.

What people mean by priorities is a bit different to anyone speaking the term. Almost everything that comes before you, whether it be efficiencies, openness, or universal access contains some sort of ambiguity.

I wish that the comments from the Labor Union representative had been a little more descriptive about what she is talking about because those are real challenges.

Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (November 5, 2009)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

These minutes represent an attempt to put a nice face on what is increasing problematic. Thank you for your attendance, since these meetings are so negative I can barely stand to come myself.

The minutes contain my citizen summaries but not in the place where they would be meaningful, and the body of the minutes blatantly obscure what is said.

On page one, the danger of private money is that the value placed above public interest is truth does not matter and sociopaths are in charge.

The architectural historian was not disappointed in the BLIP program. What he said was that he was shocked and appalled at the neglect of the library's historical resources.

On page 2, Katie Gough told a colorful story, about repairing the graffiti-impacted mural herself that has been completely lost.

Item 7: Approval of the Minutes (November 19, 2009)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The comments on page one, from people who often speak, are egregious distortions of what was intended.

The anonymous citizen's comment about the provoked neighbor was actually about the much larger point that you had placed your arrogance above accountability and that your capacity for cruelty had become a badge of your success.

Sue Cauthen praised Commissioner Kane for mentioning accountability to the public and emphasized the importance of keeping faith with the public.

Peter Warfield's thesis was not just the lack of response, but that your silence was an endorsement of the wrongdoing. If you want to fix these, you would say that the irresponsibility of the library commission is shown by its refusal to make any response.

But your priority is to make these minutes beneficial to yourselves rather than reflect the actual meeting.

Item 8: Adjournment

Anonymous Citizen: San Francisco Librarian John Philbrook recently passed away on December 13, and at the supervisors' meeting Supervisor Dufty mentioned that he was beloved and his professional accomplishments. In fact, Mr. Philbrook was not just a library hero, but a hero of humanity who we are rarely privileged to have walk among us.

It was John Philbrook who drew attention to this Main Library's betrayal of its promise which was being concealed and drafted a public letter to address the problems.

Shortly after he was confronted with anonymous charges of sexual harassment. The library later learned he was gay, and he was soon fired from the San Francisco Public Library on child molestation charges.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, January 21, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT **DISCUSSION**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.)
This report will consist of *informational presentations*: none *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report and Library Commission Schedule Report.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2009 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2009.)
Explanatory document: minutes.

4. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 1/15/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2010

(As approved at the regular meeting of February 18, 2010)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm.

Commissioners present: Del Portillo, Lee, Kane, and Munson

Commissioners excused: Gomez and Ono

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said there is no election of officers on the agenda. He said it appears the Commission does not want to either ratify the actions of the president or give her a no confidence vote. He said those who give money to the Friends don't have to care what the rules are.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force sent a letter to the Ethics Commission with regard to a violation of the Commission for willful failure to allow public comment. He said there seems to be a date certain for the unnecessary closure of the Park Branch. He said the library refuses to pay for temporary services during the closure.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the Quarterly report is available in the back of the room. She said the current budget report is also available in the back and it shows the changes approved by the Commission as of 11/19/09. She said the approved budget is $187,166,352. She said the schedule report has been distributed to the Commissioners and is available in the back of the room. She gave the status of the program and said that 7 property acquisitions are complete including Bayview. She said the support services facility is in operation; 12 branches are complete and open; 8 branches are in construction; 3 branches are in bid and award and 1 branch is in design. She said Bernal Heights is scheduled to open on January 30, 2010 and the Potrero Branch is schedule to open early March. She showed photographs and gave reports on projects in construction including: Bernal Heights, Potrero; Parkside; Visitacion Valley; Ortega; Anza and Merced. She said the Notice to Proceed for Golden Gate Valley was issued on January 19, 2010. She said projects in bid and award are Presidio, Park and Bayview. She said North Beach is the only project left in the design stage.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) has been delayed for the North Beach Branch Library. He said the Planning Department estimates that the draft EIR will be available in April with a certification of the report due in October. He said that is a delay of approximately one year in our schedule. He said the reasons given have been due to the complexity of the project, the transportation study, and going before the Historic Preservation Commission.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, gave a summary of public outreach for the program. She said they have received an award from the American Public Works Association Project of the Year for Historical Restoration/Preservation for the Richmond Branch Library.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is the landmark month when the BLIP program was to be completely finished according to the original schedule. He said the Capital Planning Committee and the Board of Supervisors approved a supplemental appropriation of $1.7 million from the operating funds. He said the Commission was to be asked to make a $5.1 million transfer from the bond program. He asked if the Library Commission is really in control of anything.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said from the pictures it looks like the Bernal Heights branch has some nice restoration to the building. He said he is disappointed that the report did not go into detail about the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations. He said there are millions of dollars added to a whole range of projects but the Library does not have funds for library services while the Park Branch is closed.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Lee asked about the bids for the Park Branch.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager said there were 9 bids received for the Park Branch and 5 have been disqualified. She said a lot of these bidders have had no experience with city contracting procedures. She said some of the bid documents were insufficient and some of the bidders were not qualified.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Budget and Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors appropriated $1.7 million of which $1.6 million is from general obligation bond interest that goes to the BLIP project. He said most of that will be earmarked for the Bayview project. He said that issue will be going to the Library Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kane asked about the status of the Bernal Mural and the Bayview Sculpture.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said a mediator has been identified to work with the community on the Bernal Mural issue. He said the library will be opening with no exterior work being done. He said if there is no resolution through the mediator it would come back to the Library Commission. He said the Arts Commission has sent out the legal notice to the artist about the de-accessioning of the art work at Bayview.

Commissioner Kane asked about delays in projects other than Park and North Beach.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that both Park and Presidio have had bid protests so schedule changes will be brought back to the Commission at the next meeting. She said the delay in the bid process has not impacted the budget for Presidio. She said during the review of the Park Branch it was discovered that the scope of the work needed to be upgraded to include the heating and ventilation systems as well as the elevator.

Commissioner Del Portillo said she assumes there have not been any complaints about opening the Bernal Heights library without a resolution to the mural issue. She said she hopes the Friends are continuing to raise money for the furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Luis Herrera said the community has made it clear that they want the library to open on schedule. He said the money raised has met if not exceeded the goals for the furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Commissioner Del Portillo asked if there is any help for first time bidders from the City.

Luis Herrera said DPW has done a really good job of providing outreach. He said they will have a representative from DPW come to the Commission and talk about the outreach efforts.

Mindy Linetzky, Bond Program Administrator, said the Human Relations Commission does have a branch office in the Bayview community. She said there are two sets of plans and bid documents at the branch library. She said there are also a number of agencies that have been outreaching to community members. She said there were well over 100 contractors at a pre-bid conference recently.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2009

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the minutes that were on the agenda from the December 3 meeting were from the October 15 meeting. He said the Commission approved the October 15 minutes and they are still not on the website. He said the Sunshine Ordinance requires that approved minutes be posted on the website within 48 hours.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he would like to see the Commission be more willing to provide the corrections and changes that are requested by the public to the minutes. He said his comments on page one were reflected accurately but that they have not been reflected accurately in the past.

Commission Discussion

Sue Blackman, Library Commission Secretary, said the Minutes from the October 15

meeting have been corrected and approved and will be posted on the website.

Motion: By Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to approve the minutes of December 3, 2009.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Del Portillo, Kane, Lee, and Munson).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Del Portillo, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the regular meeting of January 7, 2010.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Del Portillo, Kane, Lee and Munson).

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Library Commission Meeting of January 21, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: There is still no election of officers. You don't want to either ratify the actions of your president, or give her a no confidence vote. You also don't want to do anything you have been reminded of by the anonymous citizen.

This is a relatively small violation, but it speaks volumes for the way the Library Commission operates. It says those who give money to the Friends & Foundation don't have to care what the rules are.

That is why it should be illegal to give money. If you don't follow the rules we live under, the rules become a tool of abuse against those who don't give money.

We are all supposed to live under the same rules – that is why it is called "fairness."

This is essentially anti-democratic and that is why our society is so aware of those who purchase favoritism and distort public policy with money.

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Commission Discussion

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the budget for the Bayview Branch at this time is $11.83 million, but he said if there are any delays or changes to the project there may be other impacts. He said the good news is we have the savings to transfer to Bayview. He said the only one with outstanding funding issues right now is the North Beach Branch Library.

Jill Bourne further explained the additional costs for the Park Branch.

Lena Chen, Project Manager, Branch Library Improvement Program, said when the needs assessment for the Park Branch came in there was an assumption that all of the major upgrades to the building had been complete and when the system was looked at more closely additional improvements were needed.

Luis Herrera said there was a timing issue on the closure. He said the project did, in fact, become more than just an interior renovation.

Commissioner Kane had further questions regarding the Potrero Branch.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, addressed the issue relating to the security card reader system for the Potrero Branch.

President Gomez said it might be helpful in the future to give some comparisons and pricing for certain items.

Commissioner Lee asked about the HVAC being centrally controlled from the Main Library.

Roberto Lombardi said with the 27 branches it is a matter of monitoring the systems because there are only 6 engineers in the system. He said we are making buildings more comfortable and saving money, but the equipment does cost more up front.

Commissioner Ono said she agrees with Commissioner Kane and said the numbers are a little overwhelming. She asked about any other sources for funding.

Luis Herrera said the project that will require additional revenue bonds will be North Beach. He said most of the projects are in construction and there are contingency funds for those projects so we are confident that there will be enough funding to complete the projects underway now with the reserve that we have.

Commissioner Munson said the Commission wants to avoid surprises. He said he would like to know a little sooner on some of these items.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to approve the BLIP budget transfers as outlined in the City Librarian's memo of February 1, 2010 and which includes: 1) a transfer of funds from the Golden Gate Valley Branch project budget and Visitacion Valley Rent to the Program Reserve; 2) request that the Controller's Office release G. O. Bond Interest Proceeds and transfer these to the Program Reserve; 3) approve project budget for Bayview; and 4) transfer funds to the Bayview, Park and Potrero Branch projects.

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Action: AYES 6-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee, Munson and Ono).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET

Luis Herrera, City Librarian gave a presentation on the FY10-11 budget including the projected budget timeline. He said they would bring the budget back on February 18th for action by the Commission. He explained the budget climate and went over the FY10 and FY11 revenue and expenditure comparisons. He said the proposed budget shows a gap of approximately $6M. He showed pie charts showing revenues by source and expenses. He went over the budget priorities and explained the budget strategy. He said they are proposing reducing staffing by $2.7M, reducing collections spending to FY08 level at $1.6M, reducing non-salary, non-collection spending by $1.1M, applying $6.1M of available fund balance to cover debt payment of $2.5M and the remaining gap of $3.6M and continuing efforts to reduce the gap. He went over specific budget non-personnel efficiencies.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, showed a graph showing the increase in the permanent service hours over the last three years. She said maintaining the hours for the next year is the Library's highest priority. She said the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees is driven by number of service locations, services and hours. She said the use of the library has increased by nearly 2 million patrons a year. She said there have been significant increases to the books and materials budget in the last five years and for the next year they are proposing to go back to FY08 level.

Luis Herrera gave some statistics about per capita spending on books and materials as compared to other cities. He said San Francisco's per capita amount is about $13 and it goes down to about $2 per capita for San Antonio or about $1.75 for Los Angeles. He said that is with the proposal of going back to FY 08. He said it shows that we will still have a strong collection budget.

Jill Bourne said public technology has been a focus in recent years. She said the Library has increased the number of public computers every year. She said web hits have grown for the last few years.

Luis Herrera said the next steps are to monitor baseline revenues and expense assumptions, continue exploration of expense reduction opportunities in the context of priorities, the Commission's review and consideration of budget proposal and Commission budget approval at the February 18the meeting.

Commissioner Lee left the meeting at 6:17 pm.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said it is very disturbing to him that the Commission tolerates canards on this level. He said the budget should open up questions about what value the library is getting for its money.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the presentation is very troubling for a number of reasons. He said there is a lack of certain information. He said the book budget is being cut by approximately 15%. He said he doesn't know that other cuts are being taken proportionately.

Sue Cauthen said thank you to the Commission for looking closely at the numbers. She said the Library Citizens Advisory Committee will be hearing from the Controller on the budget at their February meeting. She said she hopes the Library will be able to minimize the impacts on library services.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane had questions about the comparison between FY 10 and FY 11 for fringes and benefits. He also asked about the reduction in the Lease Revenue Bonds debt service.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the debt service was reduced because of the delay in the issuance of the second revenue bonds.

Commissioner Kane said he appreciated the comparisons on the book budget. He said his priority is to have hours, service and operations. He said he would prefer to go lower on the book budget than on some of the other efficiencies like maintenance, safety and janitorial. He also asked about the Departments that would be impacted by the decrease in FTEs.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said they have looked at areas Department wide and they are trying to consolidate and bring about more efficiency.

Luis Herrera said they did not look at any programmatic cuts.

Commissioner Del Portillo said she wanted to congratulate the Library on not having any programmatic cuts. She said we should do everything possible to retain our staff. She said now more than ever libraries are playing a larger role in the educational picture.

President Gomez said she attended the Mayor's briefing on the budget to Commission Presidents. She said the situation is quite dire. She said the budget presented by the Library is a very thoughtful one.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the budget does include dipping into the reserve for $6M, which is half of the Library's reserve.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. LABOR UNION REPORT

There was no labor union report.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is an example of an egregious failure to summarize the comments of Peter Warfield on the first page. The summary should be of the points the speaker is making. He said under adjournment it did not include his remarks about the retaliation of the library against John Philbrook.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said this is an example of when members of the public speak to correct the minutes and the Commission does nothing to make those corrections for the better. He said under agenda item number 1 you might substitute three words that says "shows numerous violations" instead of "produces some unfortunate results." He said on page 2 his words were distorted to reflect that he had an objection to the number of employees where he did not have an objection.

Sue Cauthen said she is a member of the Sunshine Task Force and Chairs the Education and Outreach Committee and she wanted to clarify what the Sunshine Ordinance says about public comment. She said it says that it should be a brief summary of what was said.

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Motion: By Commissioner Del Portillo, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Ono).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. ADJOURNMENT

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There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to adjourn the regular meeting of February 4, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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You have the impression that the barriers serve to protect you, but in fact it is a self-fulfilling prophecy. It only protects you from the symptoms of your own abuse.

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When the dancers were finished, those who had not lined up were let in first and those in line ignored. Those in line near me were outraged, and one mother told me that she wanted to teach her daughters that it was better to do the right thing, and wondered what the lesson is now.

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Item 3: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

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The most significant, but buried, aspect is that "expense growth of at least $3.4 Million will add to the gap." It is a canard to say that the reduced budget is the equivalent of a previous year; the impact is concealed.

The same sort of canard is perpetrated with respect to permanent service hours which are a fantasy, as if there were no closures, and therefore not public service at all.

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Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (January 7, 2010)

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(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda.)

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DISCUSSION
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: John Cotton Dana and Pat Mora Awards; and Affinity Centers.

3. FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 BUDGET **DISCUSSION**
(Presentation and discussion of the Fiscal Year 20010-11 Library Budget)
Explanatory documents: FY 10-11 Budget Presentation.

4. BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TRANSFERS
DISCUSSION/ACTION
(Discussion and possible action to transfer funds from the interest earnings from the General Obligation (G.O.) Bond proceeds and rent proceeds from the Visitation Valley Branch site to the Program Reserve and to approve changes to the budget for the following Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) projects: Bayview, Golden Gate Valley, Park and Potrero).
Explanatory document: Memorandum to Commission from City Librarian dated February 1, 2010.

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DISCUSSION
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6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2010 ACTION
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Ono).

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Sue Blackman
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Library Commission Meeting of February 4, 2010.

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You have the impression that the barriers serve to protect you, but in fact it is a self-fulfilling prophecy. It only protects you from the symptoms of your own abuse.

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Guards asked people to line up to keep the sidewalk clear. I lined up so as not to set an example of being uncooperative or anti-social.

When the dancers were finished, those who had not lined up were let in first and those in line ignored. Those in line near me were outraged, and one mother told me that she wanted to teach her daughters that it was better to do the right thing, and wondered what the lesson is now.

People knew what the library thought of them before. If those who are civilized are treated as fools for being cooperative, eventually there is no civilization left.

Item 3: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

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A budget like this should open up the question of what values we are getting for our money. The Bond Transfers highlight that a million and a half dollars is significant. We are taking more than that out of the book budget.

The most significant, but buried, aspect is that "expense growth of at least $3.4 Million will add to the gap." It is a canard to say that the reduced budget is the equivalent of a previous year; the impact is concealed.

The same sort of canard is perpetrated with respect to permanent service hours which are a fantasy, as if there were no closures, and therefore not public service at all.

Item 4: Branch Library Improvement Program Budget Transfers

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You have not been told, but this was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 12th, and 26th.

This is not free money. The Bond Program started out as $106 Million and is now $189 Million, a 78% increase. And some of this money is going to scope increases.

There is a dearth of information about Golden Gate Valley which has been closed to public service without the bid process being completed. Now my suspicions are borne out because we are now told that there is $3 Million taken out of that project without any details on the impact or even what percentage that represents.

The administration wants to be positive and it is always more fun to spend money, but about $14 Million was transferred out of the Library Preservation Fund and you could consider putting it back.

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2010

(As approved and amended at the March 4, 2010 Commission meeting)

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The meeting was called to order at 4:36 pm.

Commissioners present: Del Portillo, Gomez, Munson and Ono

Commissioners Kane and Lee arrived at 4:39 pm.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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President Gomez announced that item 4, the Branch Library Improvement Program Budget Transfers will be heard following the City Librarian's Report.

Ted Bamberger, Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC) said he wanted to thank Kathy Lawhun for her appearance at the LCAC and discussing the Library's senior programs. He said he represents seniors on the LCAC and he appreciates working with the Library on the senior programs.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the LCAC, said they are very pleased that the Library's 50+ program is now underway.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Bernal Heights Library had its opening on Saturday and it was a fantastic event. He said the Library was pleased to receive two awards at the American Library Association meeting in Boston. He said the John Cotton Dana Award is the highest achievement for Marketing and there were six libraries that received this award. He said SFPL's award was based on the marketing for the Library's amnesty program. He thanked the public affairs staff for all the work they did on that program. He said the second award was sponsored by Reforma which is the National Association to Promote Libraries to the Spanish speaking. He said every year they recognize the public library that does the best job in the Dia de los Niño's/Niña's celebration and we were one of two public libraries nationwide to receive that award. He said the celebration this year brought almost 1,000 kids and families together to celebrate literacy. He said the staff of the Office of Children and Youth Services did a great job and should be congratulated.

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Public Comment

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Commission Discussion

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Commission Secretary

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Library Commission Meeting of February 4, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: "Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation, don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation" has prefaced my public comments for five years.

This is also the 35th Anniversary of my attendance at Library Commission meetings. The phrase acknowledges the commission's deliberate abandonment of reason. In retrospect, it seems that 30 years was the appropriate point to abandon any hope that civility and decency was just around the corner.

I am investigating the dark underbelly of abuse, lies and social barriers that support the privileges of the few. I had no idea how ugly it was, and I was both appalled and mesmerized. I thought people agreed that such ugliness should not exist.

You have the impression that the barriers serve to protect you, but in fact it is a self-fulfilling prophecy. It only protects you from the symptoms of your own abuse.

Item 2: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The Bernal Branch opening was emblematic. With no courtyard or street closure, a success event would take planning and leadership. Jill Bourne must have had a day off.

Guards asked people to line up to keep the sidewalk clear. I lined up so as not to set an example of being uncooperative or anti-social.

When the dancers were finished, those who had not lined up were let in first and those in line ignored. Those in line near me were outraged, and one mother told me that she wanted to teach her daughters that it was better to do the right thing, and wondered what the lesson is now.

People knew what the library thought of them before. If those who are civilized are treated as fools for being cooperative, eventually there is no civilization left.

Item 3: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

I am disturbed that the Commission tolerates "canards" on this level. Last time I used the term efficiency measure. The correct term is "performance measures."

A budget like this should open up the question of what values we are getting for our money. The Bond Transfers highlight that a million and a half dollars is significant. We are taking more than that out of the book budget.

The most significant, but buried, aspect is that "expense growth of at least $3.4 Million will add to the gap." It is a canard to say that the reduced budget is the equivalent of a previous year; the impact is concealed.

The same sort of canard is perpetrated with respect to permanent service hours which are a fantasy, as if there were no closures, and therefore not public service at all.

Item 4: Branch Library Improvement Program Budget Transfers

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

You have not been told, but this was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 12th, and 26th.

This is not free money. The Bond Program started out as $106 Million and is now $189 Million, a 78% increase. And some of this money is going to scope increases.

There is a dearth of information about Golden Gate Valley which has been closed to public service without the bid process being completed. Now my suspicions are borne out because we are now told that there is $3 Million taken out of that project without any details on the impact or even what percentage that represents.

The administration wants to be positive and it is always more fun to spend money, but about $14 Million was transferred out of the Library Preservation Fund and you could consider putting it back.

Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (January 7, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

This is an egregious failure to summarize. The minutes mention Peter Warfield's reference to Sunshine compliance as "unfortunate" reflects only the first 15 seconds.

Summarizing is not for cleaning up the comments. This was a criticism of your silence and that criticism is not reflected in the minutes. Your failure to respond to requests for documents, or take public comment, or attend Sunshine Task Force meetings as required, as well as being charged with official misconduct was the point.

Likewise, the anonymous citizen's statements about your actions constituting categorical irresponsibility and having a vested interest in protecting the Friends & Foundation are not reported.

The adjournment in honor of John Philbrook does not mention the betrayals of the Main Library, the retaliation that he suffered, and rising above that retaliation was the point.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, February 18, 2010**

TIME: **4:30 PM**

PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

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The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. BAYVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY PROJECT BID METHOD ALTERNATIVE - INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(Discussion and possible action on the solicitation of integrated project delivery proposals for construction of the Bayview Branch Library pursuant to Administrative Code Section 6.68).

Explanatory documents: Memorandum to Commission from City Librarian dated February 12, 2010; Draft Resolution.

3. FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 LIBRARY BUDGET **DISCUSSION/**

POSSIBLE ACTION

(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the proposed FY 10-11 Library Budget)

Explanatory documents: FY 10-11 Budget Summary; and FY 10-11 Budget Presentation

4. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT **DISCUSSION**

(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.)

This report will consist of *informational presentations*: none *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports* none.

Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report and Library Commission Schedule Report.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2010 **ACTION**

(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2010.)

Explanatory document: minutes.

6. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 2/12/2010

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2010

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City Librarian

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Commission Secretary

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

Commissioners present: Del Portillo, Gomez, Lee, Kane, and Munson

Commissioner excused: Ono

President Gomez announced that due to the number of people who wanted to speak on Agenda Item No. 2 it will be heard prior to public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. BAYVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY PROJECT BID METHOD ALTERNATIVE – INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this item is for the Commission to consider an alternative bid process for the Bayview Branch Library. He said in December 2009, the library went out for bid for the project. He said there was a considerable amount of outreach done for the process. He said on January 13, 2010, there was additional outreach on the bid process. He said on January 14 over 90 contractors attended a pre-bid meeting. He said both meetings were very intense and considerable frustration was expressed that not enough local Bayview people would be working on the project. He said due to the concern expressed by the community the Department of Public Works (DPW) on behalf of the Library cancelled the bid process on February 2 before the February 17 deadline. He said the Library, DPW and the Human Relations Commission are recommending that the Commission take action and that the City move forward with the project with an alternative contracting approach. He said the approach is an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD), which is a method to procure construction services whereby a construction manager/general contractor ("CM/GC") is retained. He said it is a three step approach and is outlined in the memo to the Commission dated February 12, 2010. He said the ordinance requires the commission to take action.

Theresa Sparks, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission, thanked the City Librarian for his participation in this process. She gave a presentation including background on the Bayview Hunters Point area. She said the Mayor has made the statement that the City must demonstrate an "unwavering commitment to substantive and measurable improvements in areas where poverty seems most intractable." She gave the background of the Bayview Library project and said the dire economic and social conditions facing the Bayview neighborhood demand a non-traditional bidding solution for the Library project. She explained the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) and said IPD provides the flexibility needed to successfully complete projects while simultaneously maximizing local contracting, employment, and training opportunities. She said the traditional bidding processes are time proven but they tend to lack the flexibility that City leaders desire.

Edgar Lopez, Department of Public Works said the IPD is a method that they believe will have the desired effect of increasing local hiring participation. He said this is an approved method of the City and it is intended to hire a General Contractor to work in the capacity of the Construction Manager and General Contractor (CMGC). He said it is a three step process where we issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), review those qualifications and make sure they have the experience and bonding capacity, and once they are prequalified they can then bid on the project. He said there are many benefits to this process. He said they are in the process of submitting legislation to the Board of Supervisors to modify the CMGC.

Luis Herrera said that Rhonda Simmons Director of the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development is in attendance. He said Guillermo Rodriguez the Director of CityBuild under the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development is also in attendance.

Rhonda Simmons said there has been a partnership with the Library for the last few years. She said they have been successful in a lot of projects and there have been some struggles. She said they do a lot of work in the Bayview area.

Guillermo Rodriguez said CityBuild administers the City's workforce hiring requirement working with DPW. He said CityBuild works to make sure that San Francisco residents are in the pipeline through training programs. He said they work with a project sponsor along with HRC on the contracts trying to identify the opportunities for residents in the area. He said they act as an intermediary between the contractor and the community.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Library, DPW and the HRC staff are recommending that the Library Commission take action to approve the solicitation of the integrated project delivery (IPD) proposals for the construction of the Bayview Branch Library. He said if the Library Commission chooses not to approve the IPD approach then DPW will re-advertise the project using the traditional low bid process. He said the

City is exploring additional legislation to revise the current ordinance on the IPD. He said there is a resolution before the Commission in conjunction with these recommendations.

Public Comment

Walter Johnson, 20 year resident of Bayview Hunters Point, said he is excited about the library being open and said he is in favor of the resolution so that issues of employment for residents of the Bayview can be considered. He said hopefully this can be worked out.

Charles Walker said this is a black versus white situation. He said there are no black contractors working in this city on this day. He said the HRC or CityBuild are not helping black people. He said they have come to the conclusion that if they aren't working in the Bayview then nobody will be working there. He said the Black Builders Association should have a right to say who is working in their community.

Ms. Jackson said she has been a resident of Bayview Hunters Point since 1948. She said she hopes the Commission will pass the resolution before them. She said it is very important. She said she has been hearing the term "best effort". She said she has been hearing that term since 1968. She said she was going to be the watchdog on this project to make sure the people in Bayview/Hunters Point are working on this job.

Karen Payson, the local architect for the Bayview Branch, said her office is doing the construction administration as well as the interior design. She said her office is very excited about the CM/GC approach. She said the firm that will be acting as construction manager will be empowered to do pre-construction services. She said ultimately it is a cost effective way of doing work.

An anonymous citizen said he was at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 9 when Supervisor Maxwell had some comments to make about this process and she said she would be monitoring the process. He said he wonders what the Bayview residents think when they find out they do not have the correct unemployment figures.

Michael Baines, with the Baines Group, General Contractor said over the last 15 years he has worked on many projects in San Francisco. He said design build is not uncommon in major cities. He said this is the best value. He said this delivery process will find ways for value engineering and to lower the price.

Fred Jordan, President San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce, said congratulations for doing something innovative. He said in 1996 Proposition 209 wiped out 80% of all the black contractors in the State of California. He said outmigration is simply a matter of discrimination - no jobs - no contracts. He said you need to do what you have never done.

Lydia Vincent said she has been a part of the planning process since the beginning of this project and she is grateful to the staff and the architects for listening to the community throughout the entire process. She said this can be a watershed moment and make some real change.

Mr. Veigh, Bay Area Black Builders Association, said Oakland has local hiring ordinances and not one contractor is in compliance. He said he wondered how many black people have done work on the library projects so far. He said the only two people who have been paid for any work on this project are two white people. He said outreach does not work. He said they have met with over 23 black contractors in the area and he wants to know what will be done to make sure that the black residents in that community are working.

A speaker said he was working with the Bay Area Black Builders Association and this is a step in the right direction. He said once the General Contractor is brought on it is not clear how that will proceed, if the subcontractors have not met the requirements. He said he doesn't know the requirements for local hiring.

Willie Radcliff, publishes the San Francisco Bayview newspaper and has been contracting for 42 years, said things can be done to include the community. He said the community needs the help of the Library Commission, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to make this happens.

Joseph Debro, President Bay Area Black Builders, said he is also President of Transbay Engineering and has been in the construction business for 40 years. He said his company does not work in this country anymore because it is easier working other places. He said cities like San Francisco have programs but they don't deliver. He said he is pleased the Commission is considering a step in the right direction and he is hoping we will find a way to make this work.

Donna Bero, Friends of the Library, said the Friends are always involved with the community piece of the BLIP program. She said she knows the Commission is also thinking about the budget but the Commission has always listened to the community and she hopes they will approve this action.

Kelly Woods said he is a general contractor in San Francisco. He said why not take an organization like CityBuild and funnel some jobs into the early stages of construction projects.

Rita Collins said she is a long time resident of Bayview Hunters Point. She said she has been part of the process of the building and design of this library. She said she agrees that the community has been part of the process but it would be beneficial to have more community members actually working on the project.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there seems to be an effort from the Commission to listen to the community. He said there are larger issues that deserve the Commission's serious consideration and time. He said he wonders if the monitoring of the process will occur. He said he hopes there is strong attention paid to the people in the community.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Del Portillo said she heard 10 or 12 issues raised at the meeting and she wanted to clarify the role of the Library Commission. She said the resolution before the Commission is probably the best the Commission can do on this project. She asked questions about CityBuild. She asked about the pre-qualification process.

Guillermo Rodriquez, CityBuild said a number of the participants in the CityBuild program are from the area.

A representative from the Human Rights Commission said they do provide workshops and training for contractors to help them through the pre-qualification process.

Zulu Jones, Human Rights Commission said they have put together a pool of bidders qualified to bid on projects. She said there are certain qualifications they must meet.

Commissioner Lee said this is an old system. He said CM/GC is nothing new and has been used in redevelopment areas. He said he wondered if limiting bidders to a certain zip code is legal.

Guillermo Rodriquez said CityBuild does have a proven track record in getting residents of the area to work at projects in the area. He said CityBuild is an apprenticeship program

Edgar Lopez, DPW, said the Integrated Project Delivery process can direct the contract to negotiate up to 7 ½% on trade contracts.

Commissioner Munson asked about bonding capacity for contractors.

Edgar Lopez explained the bonding process for city projects.

Zulu Jones said that HRC will work with contractors to provide bonding. She said bonding has always been a barrier and it is subjective, but they work with qualified surety companies to help provide bonding.

Commissioner Kane thanked everyone from the community who attended the meeting. He said the issues in the Bayview run much deeper than the purview of the Library Commission. He gave some background on the BLIP program and the delays on the Bayview Branch. He said the Commission is very concerned about cost overruns. He said he is concerned about how we got here in the bidding process for this branch.

Edgar Lopez explained the bidding process to this point. He said the recommended method for bidding will mean an approximately 5 month delay.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Library Commission does not have the authority over the suspension of the bidding process but after a discussion he had with DPW and HRC the decision was made to suspend the bidding process. He said the Commission's authority is over whether to go ahead with the alternative bid process.

Commissioner Kane asked for more information about the CM/GC process and asked about the costs of a five to six month delay. He said he did not know if it would be legal to limit hiring to a specific zip code.

Rhonda Simmons, Mayor's Office of Workforce Development said a work stoppage is possible for this project. She said the conditions in the Bayview dealing with unemployment are real and relevant.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the range of additional cost could be as high as $200,000 based on a five to six month delay. He said there are no guarantees against work stoppage even if this is approved. He said any increase in the budget would come from the reserve.

Commissioner Munson said there is a lot of frustration and tension in the community. He said there could very well be work stoppage on this project. He said the bid project was stopped before the submittal of bids.

President Gomez said thank you to the members of the public. She said this is a very important issue. She said she understands the skepticism. She said she wants to assure people that this Commission is committed to creating a fair process that is going to involve the community and people getting back to work. She said this Resolution will create a model project and a way to go forward in this City.

Motion: By Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the solicitation of Integrated Project Delivery proposals for the construction of the New Bayview Branch Library and urging the Board of Supervisors to revise Section 6.68 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

Action: AYES 4: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Lee, and Munson)
NAYS 1: (Kane)

The Commission recessed at 6:43 pm and reconvened at 6:51 pm.

President Gomez said that Item No. 4 the Bond Program Manager's Report will be trailed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said the Bernal Heights Library opening was emblematic and the Commission's reaction was emblematic of the way this Commission operates to completely deny and recognize the experience of its citizens. He said there is a wall of lies. He said the virtue of a democracy is that we live in society where everyone has a vested interest in the success of the democracy.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Park Branch is scheduled to close on Saturday February 27. He said this has been the fifth planned closure date. He said this renovation features bad renovation plans and an unnecessary closure and not a single penny has been budgeted to provide alternate service while the library is closed. .

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 LIBRARY BUDGET

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, gave a presentation on the FY 2010-11 Library Budget. He explained the projected budget timeline and said the Commission is being asked for its approval at this meeting.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, gave the FY 10-11 Comparison, per Controller's 6 month projection. He said the Controller's Office continues to make minor changes to the budget. He said the FY 11 gap in expenditures to revenue will be approximately $4.9 million. He explained the revenues by sources for a total revenue of $75,732,000. He said the proposed FY11 expenses are $80,625,000.

Luis Herrera said the budget priorities the Commission has endorsed include maintaining public service hours, maintaining collections, targeted technologies, facilities, public safety and workforce development. He said the budget strategy will be to reduce staffing by $2.7 million. He explained the long term labor trend.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said they are recommending reducing the collections budget to the FY 08 level or by $1.6 million. She said there are 8 opening day collections at approximately $228,500 per branch or $1.8 Million for FY 11. She said there will be a reduction in bindery costs for periodicals. She said the regular collection budget will be $7.2 Million which is comparable with other large public library systems. She explained the budget strategy for the reductions. She said the reduction to the facilities budget for non-personnel is $383,548. She said the reduction to public technology non-personnel is $308,589. She said the impact to children's and teen program non-personnel is $196,000. She said the impact to public safety non-personnel will be $25,000.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, showed a slide showing how the library intends to balance the budget and said the remaining reserve will be $8,406,495.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the next steps are to continue to monitor baseline revenues and expense assumptions, monitor ongoing Mayor's discussions on labor concessions and proposed 37.5 hour positions,

monitor potential increases on department work orders, and continue exploration of expenditure reductions and request budget approval by the Commission at this meeting.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said at the last meeting the City Librarian said we were doing fine compared to other cities on our book budget. He said when you compare San Francisco's materials expenditures with cities of comparable size, SFPL is 38th out of 51 overall, or the bottom quarter percentile. He said in holdings per capita the average is 3.2 volumes per citizen and San Francisco is 2.69 volumes per citizen. He said SFPL is 39th of 51 in registered borrowers per capita.

Cathy Bremer, SEIU, said the staff at the Library appreciates the Library's efforts to making sure that people aren't laid off. She said staff does request that more of the cuts come from the materials budget. She said after all of the branches are open full staff will be needed.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said it is painful to have any cuts in staff or collections. He asked about the Commission's priorities and said a great deal could be done by the Commission to review where the staffing is placed and to put a priority on public service staffing. He said he has heard maintaining hours of operation is a priority but Park Branch will only have 7 ½ hours open weekly in a tiny bookmobile.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked the representative from the Mayor's Office about revenues for next year.

Manish Goyal, Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance said there is no certainty about revenues for next fiscal year.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said property tax appeals before the city will affect the revenues for property tax, but his understanding is projections will probably stay the same.

Commissioner Kane said the budget shortfall at this meeting is less than previously reported.

Luis Herrera said the Library is very concerned about short term and long term implications in terms of the revenue stream. He said they are relying on the Controller's office for this information.

Commissioner Munson said it is likely there will be additional requests for reductions.

John Doidge explained the attrition savings factor.

Commissioner Del Portillo asked about the SAT preparation materials and programs and hoped this was not going to be cut.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian said the SAT programs will not be cut.

President Gomez asked if there are any reductions that can offset the staffing issues.

Luis Herrera said staffing is the area we need to focus on because that is our largest expense. He said it is the Commission's call on the budget impacts.

President Gomez asked about the impacts of other city departments charging the library for services.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to approve the Fiscal Year 10-11 budget as presented.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee, and Munson).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2010

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said there are a number of items in the minutes that are complete distortions. He said under public comment the point he was making was that money distorts public policy. He said Mr. Warfield's comments were made to develop a theme that was the Commission's irresponsible silence with respect to a series of Sunshine Ordinance violations.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he has indeed talked about the Commission's silence on a whole range of illegal actions by the Commission and the Library. He said the Commission's silence is a serious issue and the absence of discussion of this in the minutes is very sad and unfortunate.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee, and Munson).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to adjourn the regular meeting of February 18, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee and Munson).

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

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Library Commission Meeting of February 18, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Corporate Rape of the Public Library – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The fifth Anniversary of Luis Herrera's appointment as City Librarian was Monday. I was not invited to the party.

The Bernal Heights Library opening was emblematic and this Commission's denial of the truth was equally emblematic.

Commissioner Kane suggested that public testimony is an important part of democracy, but a wall of lies and denial is what money buys.

You care about sharing your privileges with the similarly privileged. But your privileges come from representing the ordinary citizens.

You assume that all the decent people went to the donor party the week before, but you really don't want to live in a society like that.

The power of democracy is supposed to be that all citizens share in the benefits of society, with a forum for complaints. But barriers to protect the "good people" come from money.

Item 2: Bayview Branch Library Project Bid Method Alternative - Integrated Project Delivery

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics?

At the Supervisors' meeting of February 9, Sophie Maxwell had some pointed things to say about her observations of the project. I had the impression that Ms. Maxwell would have her own process. I am surprised she didn't have someone from her office here.

I think you made a mistake by delaying public comment. This is a very narrow issue, and we might have benefitted by hearing the general concerns from the Bay View neighbors, such as the delays to this point, and the purchase of the adjacent property at an inflated price.

I wonder what the citizens from the Bay View think about the discussion from the Human Rights Commission that references employment figures that are 10 years old. Someone in City government has up-to-date figures.

Item 3: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Last time the City Librarian used San Francisco's favorable position with other cities to support cuts to the materials budget. Commissioner Kane had to pretend it made sense.

Mr. Herrera's examples were San Marino and Los Angeles. San Marino has less than 13,000 population and figures from Los Angeles City were used without Los Angeles County.

A comparison to communities of comparable size, i.e., one half to one million, shows that in materials expenditures as a percent of overall expenditures, San Francisco spends 11.6% on materials, the mean is 13.3% and we are 38th out of 51 overall.

In holdings per capita, San Francisco has 2.69 volumes per citizen and the mean is 3.2.

In registered borrowers per capita, San Francisco is 40.9%, the mean is 56.3%, and we are 39th of 51.

So, the justification to sacrifice the book budget is a canard.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (January 21, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

There are complete distortions of what was being said.

Under general public comment the anonymous citizen was trying to make the point that money distorts public policy and that is not mentioned anywhere.

Mr. Warfield's comments were meant to develop a theme which was the Commission's irresponsible silence with respect to a series of Sunshine Ordinance violations. Only the failure to allow public comment was mentioned and not failure to provide documents, or acknowledge actions of the Historical Preservation Commission.

Regarding approval of the minutes of December 3, my comments noted that I had submitted citizen summaries that had not been included and the Commission Secretary was claiming she had never received them.

Commissioner Del Portillo pointed out that a detailed summary served as a correction of the historical record and there is not even any reference to Ms. Del Portillo's point.

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2010

(Approved as amended at the April 1, 2010 Library Commission meeting)

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Commissioners present: Del Portillo, Gomez, Lee, Kane, and Munson

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Commissioner excused: Ono

President Gomez announced that due to the number of people who wanted to speak on Agenda Item No. 2 it will be heard prior to public comment.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. BAYVIEW BRANCH LIBRARY PROJECT BID METHOD ALTERNATIVE – INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this item is for the Commission to consider an alternative bid process for the Bayview Branch Library. He said in December 2009, the library went out for bid for the project. He said there was a considerable amount of outreach done for the process.

He said on January 13, 2010, there was additional outreach on the bid process. He said on January 14 over 90 contractors attended a pre-bid meeting. He said both meetings were very intense and considerable frustration was expressed that not enough local Bayview people would be working on the project. He said due to the concerns expressed by the community the Department of Public Works (DPW) on behalf of the Library cancelled the bid process on February 2 before the February 17 deadline. He said the Library, DPW and the Human Relations Commission are recommending that the Commission take action and that the City move forward with the project with an alternative contracting approach. He said the approach is an Integrated Project Delivery

(IPD), which is a method to procure construction services whereby a Construction Manager/General Contractor ("CM/GC") is retained. He said it is a three step approach and is outlined in the memo to the Commission dated February 12, 2010. He said the ordinance requires the Commission to take action.

Theresa Sparks, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission (HRC), thanked the City Librarian for his participation in this process. She gave a presentation including background on the Bayview Hunters Point area. She said the Mayor has made the statement that the City must demonstrate an "unwavering commitment to substantive and measurable improvements in areas where poverty seems most intractable." She gave the background of the Bayview Library project and said the dire economic and social conditions facing the Bayview neighborhood demand a non-traditional bidding solution for the Library project. She explained the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) and said IPD provides the flexibility needed to successfully complete projects while simultaneously maximizing local contracting, employment, and training opportunities. She said the traditional bidding processes are time proven but they tend to lack the flexibility that City leaders desire.

Edgar Lopez, Department of Public Works, said the IPD is a method that they believe will have the desired effect of increasing local hiring participation. He said this is an approved method of the City and it is intended to hire a General Contractor to work in the capacity of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC). He said it is a three step process where we issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), review those qualifications and make sure they have the experience and bonding capacity, and once they are prequalified they can then bid on the project. He said there are many benefits to this process. He said they are in the process of submitting legislation to the Board of Supervisors to modify the CMGC.

Luis Herrera said that Rhonda Simmons, Director of the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, is in attendance. He said Guillermo Rodriguez, the Director of CityBuild under the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, is also in attendance.

Rhonda Simmons said there has been a partnership with the Library for the last few years. She said they have been successful in a lot of projects and there have been some struggles. She said they do a lot of work in the Bayview area.

Guillermo Rodriguez said CityBuild administers the City's workforce hiring requirement working with DPW. He said CityBuild works to make sure that San Francisco residents are in the pipeline through training programs. He said they work with a project sponsor along with HRC on the contracts trying to identify the opportunities for residents in the area. He said they act as an intermediary between the contractor and the community.

Luis Herrera said the Library, DPW and the HRC staff are recommending that the Library Commission take action to approve the solicitation of the (IPD) proposals for the construction of the Bayview Branch Library. He said if the Library Commission chooses not to approve the IPD approach then DPW will re-advertise the project using the traditional low bid process. He said the City is exploring additional legislation to revise the current ordinance on the IPD. He said there is a resolution before the Commission in conjunction with these recommendations.

Public Comment

Walter Johnson, 20 year resident of Bayview Hunters Point, said he is excited about the library being open and said he is in favor of the resolution so that issues of employment for residents of the Bayview can be considered. He said hopefully this can be worked out.

Charles Walker said this is a black versus white situation. He said there are no black contractors working in this city on this day. He said the HRC or CityBuild are not helping black people. He said they have come to the conclusion that if black contractors aren't working in the Bayview then no one will be working there. He said the Black Builders Association should have a right to say who is working in their community.

Ms. Jackson said she has been a resident of Bayview Hunters Point since 1948. She said she hopes the Commission will pass the resolution before them. She said it is very important. She said she has been hearing the term "best effort". She said she has been hearing that term since 1968. She said she was going to be the watchdog on this project to make sure the people in Bayview/Hunters Point are working on this job.

Karen Payson, the local architect for the Bayview Branch, said her office is doing the construction administration as well as the interior design. She said her office is very excited about the CM/GC approach. She said the firm that will be acting as construction manager will be empowered to do pre-construction services. She said ultimately it is a cost effective way of doing work.

An anonymous citizen said he was at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 9 when Supervisor Maxwell had some comments to make about this process and she said she would be monitoring the process. He said he wonders what the Bayview residents will think when they find out they do not have the correct unemployment figures.

Michael Baines, with the Baines Group, General Contractor, said over the last 15 years

he has worked on many projects in San Francisco. He said design build is not uncommon in major cities. He said this is the best value. He said this delivery process will find ways for value engineering and to lower the price.

Fred Jordan, President San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce, said congratulations for doing something innovative. He said in 1996 Proposition 209 wiped out 80% of all the black contractors in the State of California. He said outmigration is simply a matter of discrimination - no jobs - no contracts. He said you need to do what you have never done.

Lydia Vincent said she has been a part of the planning process since the beginning of this project and she is grateful to the staff and the architects for listening to the community throughout the entire process. She said this can be a watershed moment and make some real change.

Mr. Veigh, Bay Area Black Builders Association, said Oakland has local hiring ordinances and not one contractor is in compliance. He said he wondered how many black people have done work on the library projects so far. He said the only two people who have been paid for any work on this project are two white people. He said outreach does not work. He said they have met with over 23 black contractors in the area and he wants to know what will be done to make sure that the black residents in that community are working.

A speaker said he was working with the Bay Area Black Builders Association and this is a step in the right direction. He said once the General Contractor is brought on it is not clear how that will proceed, if the subcontractors have not met the requirements. He said he doesn't know the requirements for local hiring.

Willie Radcliff said he publishes the San Francisco Bayview newspaper and has been contracting for 42 years. He said things can be done to include the community. He said the community needs the help of the Library Commission, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to make this happen.

Joseph Debro, President Bay Area Black Builders Association, said he is also President of Transbay Engineering and has been in the construction business for 40 years. He said his company does not work in this country anymore because it is easier working other places. He said cities like San Francisco have programs but they don't deliver. He said he is pleased the Commission is considering a step in the right direction and he is hoping we will find a way to make this work.

Donna Bero, Friends of the Library, said the Friends are always involved with the community piece of the BLIP program. She said she knows the Commission is also thinking about the budget but the Commission has always listened to the community and she hopes they will approve this action.

Kelly Woods said he is a general contractor in San Francisco. He said why not take an organization like CityBuild and funnel some jobs into the early stages of construction projects.

Rita Collins said she is a long time resident of Bayview Hunters Point. She said she has been part of the process of the building and design of this library. She said she agrees that the community has been part of the process but it would be beneficial to have more community members actually working on the project.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there seems to be an effort from the Commission to listen to the community. He said there are larger issues that deserve the Commission's serious consideration and time. He said he wonders if the monitoring of the process will occur. He said he hopes there is strong attention paid to the people in the community.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Del Portillo said she heard 10 or 12 issues raised at the meeting and she wanted to clarify the role of the Library Commission. She said the resolution before the Commission is probably the best the Commission can do on this project. She asked questions about CityBuild. She asked about the pre-qualification process.

Guillermo Rodriquez, CityBuild, said a number of the participants in the CityBuild program are from the area.

A representative from the Human Rights Commission said they do provide workshops and training for contractors to help them through the pre-qualification process.

Zulu Jones, Human Rights Commission, said they have put together a pool of bidders qualified to bid on projects. She said there are certain qualifications they must meet.

Commissioner Lee said this is an old system. He said CM/GC is nothing new and has been used in redevelopment areas. He said he wondered if limiting bidders to a certain zip code is legal.

Guillermo Rodriquez said CityBuild does have a proven track record in getting residents of the area to work at projects in the area. He said CityBuild is an apprenticeship program

Edgar Lopez, DPW, said the Integrated Project Delivery process can direct the contract to negotiate up to 7 ½% on trade contracts.

Commissioner Munson asked about bonding capacity for contractors.

Edgar Lopez explained the bonding process for city projects.

Zulu Jones said that HRC will work with contractors to provide bonding.

She said bonding has always been a barrier and it is subjective, but they work with qualified surety companies to help provide bonding.

Commissioner Kane thanked everyone from the community who attended the meeting. He said the issues in the Bayview run much deeper than the purview of the Library Commission. He gave some background on the BLIP program and the delays on the Bayview Branch. He said the Commission is very concerned about cost overruns. He said he is concerned about how we got here in the bidding process for this branch.

Edgar Lopez explained the bidding process to this point. He said the recommended method for bidding will mean an approximately five month delay.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Library Commission does not have the authority over the suspension of the bidding process but after a discussion he had with DPW and HRC, the decision was made to suspend the bidding process. He said the Commission's authority is over whether to go ahead with the alternative bid process.

Commissioner Kane asked for more information about the CM/GC process and asked

about the costs of a five to six month delay. He said he did not know if it would be legal to limit hiring to a specific zip code.

Rhonda Simmons, Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, said a work stoppage is possible for this project. She said the conditions in the Bayview dealing with unemployment are real and relevant.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the range of additional cost could be as high as $200,000 based on a five to six month delay. He said there are no guarantees against work stoppage even if this is approved. He said any increase in the budget would come from the reserve.

Commissioner Munson said there is a lot of frustration and tension in the community. He said there could very well be work stoppage on this project. He said the bid project was stopped before the submittal of bids.

President Gomez said thank you to the members of the public. She said this is a very important issue. She said she understands the skepticism. She said she wants to assure people that this Commission is committed to creating a fair process that is going to involve the community and people getting back to work. She said this Resolution will create a model project and a way to go forward in this City.

Motion: By Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the solicitation of Integrated Project Delivery proposals for the construction of the New Bayview Branch Library and urging the Board of Supervisors to revise Section 6.68 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

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Action: AYES 4: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Lee, and Munson)

NAYS 1: (Kane)

The Commission recessed at 6:43 pm and reconvened at 6:51 pm.

President Gomez said that Item No. 4 the Bond Program Manager's Report will be trailed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said the Bernal Heights Library opening was emblematic and the Commission's reaction was emblematic of the way this Commission operates to completely deny the truth or recognize the experience of its citizens. He said there is a wall of lies. He said the virtue of a democracy is that we live in society where everyone has a vested interest in the success of the democracy.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Park Branch is scheduled to close on Saturday February 27. He said this has been the fifth planned closure date. He said this renovation features bad renovation plans and an unnecessary closure and not a single penny has been budgeted to provide alternate service while the library is closed.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 LIBRARY BUDGET

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, gave a presentation on the FY 2010-11 Library Budget. He explained the projected budget timeline and said the Commission is being asked for its approval at this meeting.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, gave the FY 10-11 Comparison, per Controller's six month projection. He said the Controller's Office continues to make minor changes to the budget. He said the FY 11 gap in expenditures to revenue will be approximately $4.9 million. He explained the revenues by sources for a total revenue of $75,732,000. He said the proposed FY11 expenses are $80,625,000.

Luis Herrera said the budget priorities the Commission has endorsed include maintaining public service hours, maintaining collections, targeted technologies, facilities, public safety and workforce development. He said the budget strategy will be to reduce staffing by $2.7 million. He explained the long term labor trend.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said they are recommending reducing the collections budget to the FY 08 level or by $1.6 million. She said there are eight opening day collections at approximately $228,500 per branch or $1.8 Million for FY 11. She said there will be a reduction in bindery costs for periodicals. She said the regular collection budget will be $7.2 Million which is comparable with other large public library systems. She explained the budget strategy for the reductions. She said the reduction to the facilities budget for non-personnel is $383,548. She said the reduction to public technology non-personnel is $308,589. She said the impact to children's and teen program non-personnel is $196,000. She said the impact to public safety non-personnel

will be $25,000.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, showed a slide showing how the library intends to balance the budget and said the remaining reserve will be $8,406,495.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the next steps are to continue to monitor baseline revenues and expense assumptions, monitor ongoing Mayor's discussions on labor concessions and proposed 37.5 hour positions, monitor potential increases on department work orders and continue exploration of expenditure reductions and request budget approval by the Commission at this meeting.

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Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said at the last meeting the City Librarian said we were doing fine compared to other cities on our book budget. He said when you compare San Francisco's materials expenditures with cities of comparable size, SFPL is 38th out of 51 overall, or the bottom quarter percentile. He said in holdings per capita the average is 3.2 volumes per citizen and San Francisco is 2.69 volumes per citizen. He said SFPL is 39th of 51 in registered borrowers per capita.

Cathy Bremer, SEIU, said the staff at the Library appreciates the Library's efforts to making sure that people aren't laid off. She said staff does request that more of the cuts come from the materials budget. She said after all of the branches are open full staff will be needed.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said it is painful to have any cuts in staff or collections. He asked about the Commission's priorities and said a great deal could be done by the Commission to review where the staffing is placed and to put a priority on public service staffing. He said he has heard maintaining hours of operation is a priority while the Park Branch is closed for renovation, library services will be provided by a bookmobile open only 7.5 hours per week.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane asked the representative from the Mayor's Office about revenues for next year.

Manish Goyal, Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance, said there is no certainty about revenues for next fiscal year.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said property tax appeals before the city will affect the revenues for property tax, but his understanding is projections will probably stay the same.

Commissioner Kane said the budget shortfall at this meeting is less than previously reported.

Luis Herrera said the Library is very concerned about short term and long term implications in terms of the revenue stream. He said they are relying on the Controller's Office for this information.

Commissioner Munson said it is likely there will be additional requests for reductions.

John Doidge explained the attrition savings factor.

Commissioner Del Portillo asked about the SAT preparation materials and programs and hoped this was not going to be cut.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the SAT programs will not be cut.

President Gomez asked if there are any reductions that can offset the staffing issues.

Luis Herrera said staffing is the area we need to focus on because that is our largest expense. He said it is the Commission's call on the budget impacts.

President Gomez asked about the impacts of other city departments charging the library for services.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to approve the Fiscal Year 10-11 budget as presented.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee, and Munson).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said there are a number of items in the minutes that are complete distortions. He said under public comment the point he was making was that money distorts public policy. He said Mr. Warfield's comments were made to develop a theme that was the Commission's irresponsible silence with respect to a series of Sunshine Ordinance violations.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he has indeed talked about the Commission's silence on a whole range of illegal actions by the Commission and the Library. He said the Commission's silence is a serious issue and the absence of discussion of this in the minutes is very sad and unfortunate.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee, and Munson).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

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There was no public comment on this item.

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Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to adjourn the regular meeting of February 18, 2010.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Lee and Munson).

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Library Commission Meeting of February 18, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Corporate Rape of the Public Library – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The fifth Anniversary of Luis Herrera's appointment as City Librarian was Monday. I was not invited to the party.

The Bernal Heights Library opening was emblematic and this Commission's denial of the truth was equally emblematic.

Commissioner Kane suggested that public testimony is an important part of democracy, but a wall of lies and denial is what money buys.

You care about sharing your privileges with the similarly privileged. But your privileges come from representing the ordinary citizens.

You assume that all the decent people went to the donor party the week before, but you really don't want to live in a society like that.

The power of democracy is supposed to be that all citizens share in the benefits of society, with a forum for complaints. But barriers to protect the "good people" come from money.

Item 2: Bayview Branch Library Project Bid Method Alternative - Integrated Project Delivery

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics?

At the Supervisors' meeting of February 9, Sophie Maxwell had some pointed things to say about her observations of the project. I had the impression that Ms. Maxwell would have her own process. I am surprised she didn't have someone from her office here.

I think you made a mistake by delaying public comment. This is a very narrow issue, and we might have benefitted by hearing the general concerns from the Bay View neighbors, such as the

delays to this point, and the purchase of the adjacent property at an inflated price.

I wonder what the citizens from the Bay View think about the discussion from the Human Rights Commission that references employment figures that are 10 years old. Someone in City government has up-to-date figures.

Item 3: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Last time the City Librarian used San Francisco's favorable position with other cities to support cuts to the materials budget. Commissioner Kane had to pretend it made sense.

Mr. Herrera's examples were San Marino and Los Angeles. San Marino has less than 13,000 population and figures from Los Angeles City were used without Los Angeles County.

A comparison to communities of comparable size, i.e., one half to one million, shows that in materials expenditures as a percent of overall expenditures, San Francisco spends 11.6% on materials, the mean is 13.3% and we are 38th out of 51 overall.

In holdings per capita, San Francisco has 2.69 volumes per citizen and the mean is 3.2.

In registered borrowers per capita, San Francisco is 40.9%, the mean is 56.3%, and we are 39th of 51.

So, the justification to sacrifice the book budget is a canard.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (January 21, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

There are complete distortions of what was being said.

Under general public comment the anonymous citizen was trying to make the point that money distorts public policy and that is not mentioned anywhere.

Mr. Warfield's comments were meant to develop a theme which was the Commission's irresponsible silence with respect to a series of Sunshine Ordinance violations. Only the failure to allow public comment was mentioned and not failure to provide documents, or acknowledge actions of the Historical Preservation Commission.

Regarding approval of the minutes of December 3, my comments noted that I had submitted citizen summaries that had not been included and the Commission Secretary was claiming she had never received them.

Commissioner Del Portillo pointed out that a detailed summary served as a correction of the historical record and there is not even any reference to Ms. Del Portillo's point.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, March 4, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda.)

2. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT by Luis Herrera **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: FY 2010/11 Budget, Bookmobile Programs, and New SFPL website.
Explanatory Documents: Bookmobile Programs PowerPoint and SFPL website press release.

3. CHINESE AFFINITY CENTER **DISCUSSION**
(Presentation and discussion on the collection, programs, and exhibits of the Chinese Affinity Center at the Main Library).

4. LABOR UNION REPORT **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2010 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

6. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 3/1/2010

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Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary 03/29/07

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2010

(As approved at the regular meeting of April 15, 2010)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:51 pm.

Commissioners present: Gomez, Kane, Munson and Ono

Commissioners Del Portillo arrived at 4:54 pm.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said at the last meeting Commissioner Kane's reliance on the fact that the Library's material's budget was doing better than other cities was a gross canard. He said without respect for the truth, you have no respect for your own opinion. He said the library administration is trying to manipulate the Commissioners' opinions so they said, ignore that guy who might tell you the truth and you buy it.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC), said the LCAC passed a resolution at their February meeting commending Kathy Lawhun and the 50-Plus Task Force for developing a viable and growing program of library services for seniors. She said she chairs the Education and Outreach Committee of the Sunshine Task Force and they do presentations on the Sunshine Ordinance so they are always available if any of the Commissioners are interested.

Portia Osborne said she was born and raised in San Francisco and she has spent a lot of time in the library. She said the library has been very healing, she said when she has

experienced illness, and reading is what kept her sane. She said she loves the new website. She said she loves the interaction with the librarians and the services provided. She thanked the Commission for what they are doing.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association (LUA), said the Commission can answer and ask questions of the speakers. He said of 88 libraries studied, San Francisco had the third highest per capita expenditures. He said this is one of the best funded libraries. He said the Park Branch closed on Saturday and the LUA had an informational flyer event and gave information about the unfortunate fact about the renovation and the poor design of the branch. He said it is unfortunate that the library is not providing full time interim library services but rather a 7 ½ hour a week bookmobile. He said there was no solicitation publicly for input on the Library's new website.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Potrero Branch will be opening on Saturday at 1:00. He said the Commission approved the Library's proposed budget for FY 10-11. He said that budget was submitted to the Mayor's Office. He said they have been monitoring the Mayor's proposal for restructuring the workforce for a 37.5 hour part time basis. He said the process for that will begin tomorrow. He said there will be information sessions for the library staff and he will keep the Commission apprised of the situation. He said the issue raised about potential charges from the Recreation and Park Department for libraries located on park land was on Recreation and Park's contingency list but it is no longer on that list. He said the Library has various area focus teams and the SFPL Bookmobile area focus team would like to make a presentation to the Commission today.

Brian Bannon, Chief of Branches, said Jon Worona is the former Bookmobile Manager and currently the District Manager for the Southwest District, who led this effort with a large team of stakeholders in the library and he will give an overview of the work they did and their recommendations.

Jon Worona said he started at the library as the Branch Library Improvement Program Bookmobile Manager and recently he was appointed as chair of the SFPL Bookmobile Area Focus Team. He said Brian Bannon is the sponsor and Lorena Arroyo represents the Library on Wheels, Marti Goddard represents Access Services, Jim Jeske the acting Branch Bookmobile Manager and Katrin Reimuller is the librarian for the Children's bookmobile. He gave a presentation on the challenges of the bookmobile program. He said there are no system-wide mobile outreach policies. He said their recommendations include Phase 1: the Reorganization for Positive Public Impact and Phase II: Strategic Planning and Programming Enhancements.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, said there were several goals in designing the new SFPL website. She presented the new site and showed various aspects of the site. She said there are separate teen and kid's pages. There is also a grown-ups page for programs, book selections, etc. for kids.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he did a search for the Library's website today and printed out some pages that were from the old website. He said the most recent minutes, the last press release and the last exhibits were from 2008. He said it is possible he was on the old website. He said the new website is graphically oriented rather than research oriented. He said what was said about the bookmobile showed a certain amount of improvements. He said a bookmobile is suitable for outreach or advertising but it is not a substitute for a real library.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the bookmobile is not library service as we understand it. He said he recently visited a bookmobile and it is tiny. He said there was no professional librarian. He asked for a book on photography or art and there were no books on either subject. He said there is no bathroom and no place to sit. He said there was no printer for a receipt. He said the new website does not have an emphasis on book searching.

Sue Cauthen said she could not read what was on the screen. She said the Library Citizens Advisory Committee had suggested that the Library Commission have a link from the home page. She said there should be a link to support services.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked if there is an MOU or any written agreement on the legal arrangements for the libraries on Park and Recreation property. He said he would like a report back on that. He said he was concerned about how the 37.5 hour work week for city employees would impact library services or hours of operation. He asked if that is implemented how it will affect the Library's budget. He said he thinks it would be good to have every bookmobile have internet service. He said it should be the policy to get all the records up to date on the website.

Commissioner Del Portillo said the reduction in hours for city employees would actually be a reduction in pay. She asked how many employees would be affected by this and how the bumping process will work.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said all library staff will be receiving the layoff notices and most will be rehired at 37.5 hours

Commissioner Ono asked about the impact on benefits for employees.

Donna Marion, Human Resources Director, said this would not impact health benefits but it will impact credits for vacation and sick leave because those are based on hours worked. She said retirement will be affected as well.

Luis Herrera said there is a website and phone number for employees to provide information. He said the process with the letters going out will begin tomorrow, March 5.

Commissioner Ono said the bookmobile she visited was not accessible.

Jon Worona said three of the five vehicles have a wheelchair left. He said the website does identify that and an accessible bookmobile can be requested. He said the new bookmobile will be accessible. He said the new bookmobile will come into service in 9 – 12 months.

President Gomez thanked the team for working on centralizing bookmobile management.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. CHINESE AFFINITY CENTER

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Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, said she was happy to introduce a presentation about another one of the Library's Affinity Centers, the Chinese Center located on the Third Floor. She said Doris Tseng will be making the presentation.

Doris Tseng said the Chinese Center is part of the International Center. She said in 1996 the community affinity group raised $500,000 to build this beautiful center. She said there are 1400 reference books and there are very special books in the collection. She said the Center is well-used by the general public, college students, school teachers and researchers. She said they have many programs and exhibits. She said there is a

Chinese Book Club and computer classes. She said there will be upcoming Programs on the Shanghai 2010 World Expo and the Shanghai Cultural Festival. She showed a brief video by Richard Le on the Center.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said one of the things he would have liked to hear more about is the Shanghai Sister City Program. He said the presenter said "It is good to encourage people to turn off their computers," and he agreed with that statement. He said he was impressed with how rich, detailed and historic the Center is.

Peter Warfield said it is always good to hear what is going on in the Library with respect to collections. He said it was wonderful to hear that it is good to turn off the computer and read. He said he wishes that was more of a priority in the library. He said the Center was the room the Mayor used to announce the appointment of the current City Librarian. He said books have history and not just content.

Commission Discussion

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President Gomez said the presentation was lovely and the room is a real resource. She thanked staff for the presentation.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. LABOR UNION REPORT

Cathy Bremer, Union Representative, said the unions are meeting regarding the 37.5 hour work week and their lawyers say this is illegal. She said the unions are objecting to this because it is a change in status. She said they are hoping for the best. She said they are proud the Library Administration has met with them and assured them they will do this as fairly as possible and that people will be brought back by seniority. She said the change from a full time 40 hour week to a full time 37.5 hour week would have been much more acceptable and instead employees are receiving pink slips to be hired back as part time employees. She said the Mayor would like an entire city made up by part time employees and that will affect our benefits.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said this opens a number of very profound doors and how it relates to his comments at the beginning of the meeting which is you continue to ignore something and all of a sudden you are confronted with reality and a backlash. He said the outsourcing of our entire society in order to concentrate the benefits into fewer and fewer hands. He said there is backlash coming from several different levels. He said finally you disenfranchise the entire society.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is very saddened to hear the Labor Report today. He said the benefits were part of the deal made with civil servants to attract them and keep them on as civil servants. He said when the bill comes due and civil servants are treated poorly that is very troubling. He said it is important to have workers well- paid and happy and he is sorry to hear there are these difficulties.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said this is a dramatic change when the status of employees changes from full time to part time. He said he hopes the Commission can support the Administration and show the appreciation we have for these employees. He said there are things a permanent employee has that part time employees do not have. He said this is something that needs a little more thought.

Commissioner Del Portillo said her concern is the break in service for the employees and asked if the employees go back on probation, does it affect retirement benefits, etc.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he appreciates the Commissioners comments. He said the administration very much appreciates the employees. He said there is still some hope that dialogue will continue with the unions. He said to the extent possible they will expedite the process. He said there will be no break in service.

President Gomez said she knows the Commission can count on the administration to continue the dialogue with union and employees.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said these minutes are somewhat of an improvement. He said it appears the Commission Secretary has summarized the entire statement and not just the first 30 seconds, however they are very brief. He said on the first page his statement did not include all of his comments. Under the City Librarian's report again his statement did not include all of his comments. He said in the past the times when commissioners left the meeting were noted in the minutes. He said on page 6 his remarks did not include all of his comments.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the minutes could use some improving. He said under public comment his comments were misrepresented, what he was saying is there has been a very sad silence from the Library Commission on the Library and Library Commission's unlawful action as determined by the Sunshine Task Force. He said he agreed with the previous speaker's comments. He said on page 2 his remarks were not accurately represented. He said on page 4 he was referring to construction in the bond program but not money for interim services.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson suggested on page 2 under public comment the second sentence of the anonymous citizen should be clarified to read "They did not take people into the library in the order in which they arrived and stood in line." He said on page 4 under Peter Warfield's comments it should be amended to read "The Library finds money in the millions for **construction** in the bond program." He said on page 6 where it states Commissioner Lee left the meeting; the time he left the meeting should be added.

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Motion: By Commissioner Del Portillo, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the minutes of February 4, 2010 as amended above.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Ono).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

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There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Del Portillo to adjourn the regular meeting of February 4, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Del Portillo, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Library Commission Meeting of March 4, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Corporate Rape of the Public Library – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Larry Kane's reliance on the fact that our material's budget was doing better that other cities was a gross canard.

Your president stated that she doesn't care about service to San Franciscans, but it is the truth she doesn't care about.

Democracy exists to let Mr. Kane hear the testimony of citizens who have other observations.

Without respect for the truth, you have no respect for your own opinion. Larry Kane is expected to sell whatever lie they give him to sell to prove that "good people" only have one opinion.

The library administration is trying to manipulate the commissioners' opinions, so they say, ignore that guy who might tell you the truth and you buy it

Any planning disaster usually involves people selling the lies they are given to sell – that is true of this library.

Item 2: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics?

I checked the website today in order to check some Commission minutes and there were no minutes after 2008. Also, the last press release was November 2008, and the last exhibit was October 2008.

The fly in the ointment is that it is possible that both sites are up, and Google just took me to the wrong site, but as every professional librarian can tell you, what you can find is of the essence.

I also think the website is graphically oriented, rather than research oriented.

It is important to emphasize that bookmobiles are good as outreach or advertising but they are not a substitute for anything we do in a real library.

Item 3: Chinese Affinity Center

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

One thing that we didn't hear enough about was how the Shanghai Sister City Program is doing. We had a longtime commissioner who was instrumental in fostering the program and it would be good to know how it is being kept up on both sides.

The quotation from the presenter that, "It is good to encourage people to turn off their computers" is a statement with wide application.

One of the things that is brought home by looking at the books and the cultural materials themselves is that it wasn't all invented yesterday. We are also impressed by how rich, detailed and historic all of this is. That is a lesson that should not be forgotten.

Item 4: Labor Union Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

This opens a number of very profound doors re my comments at the beginning. You continuously ignore something and suddenly you are confronted with reality and a backlash.

The outsourcing of our entire society in order to concentrate the benefits into fewer and few hands operates on a number of levels. Respect for public employees is only one of them.

There is a backlash coming on several levels. You can't profit at people's expense again and again, and finally you have disenfranchised everyone. What the society has done is make us all into outsiders, finally even our own public servants. The city must face a reckoning. We turn over the controls of our democracy, and then don't like the result because the aristocrats have ripped us off.

The salutary aspect is that it affects us all eventually.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (February 4, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

These minutes show that Commissioners Kane and Lee arrived exactly three minutes after the start of the meeting. That must mean something.

Often the minutes summarized only the first thirty seconds. While even shorter, the secretary seems to have summarized the entire statement. The offset is the even more extreme brevity.

Under general public comment, after "the commission's deliberate abandonment of reason," I went on to cite the barriers of lies that support the privileges of the few.

Under the City Librarian's Report, after mentioning ignoring those who stood in line, my point was that this rewarded anti-social behavior and eventually there is no civility left.

Previously, the departures of commissioners noted the time.

The canards on page 6 were that increased expenses were ignored, and "permanent service hours" do not represent service to the public at all.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, April 1, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2010 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to nominate and/or elect Library Commission officers (President and Vice-President) for 2010.)

3. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT by Luis Herrera **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: FY 2010/11 Budget; Broadband Technology Opportunities Program; and Bernal Heights Library Mural Mediation.
Explanatory Documents: Bernal Heights Library Statement of Consensus

4. LIBRARY FAMILY PASS PROGRAM **DISCUSSION**
(This is a discussion announcing the new Check Out San Francisco Family Pass Program in partnership with the Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF), San Francisco museums and cultural institutions.)

5. LABOR UNION REPORT **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2010 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

7. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 3/29/2010

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Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary 03/29/07

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1, 2010

(As approved at the May 6, 2010 Library Commission meeting)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said this is an opportunity to update the new Commissioners. He said the Library hates that they must take public comment at these meetings. He said a Deputy City Attorney told the Commission that there was no law that required respect for what was said. He said it got so bad that he began insulting the Commission back. He said the Commission has zero tolerance for democracy.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC), said welcome to the new Commissioners. She said the LCAC is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors (BofS) and they look at library plans, programs and operations and make recommendations to the BofS for better library service for all. She said they have a really good relationship with the administration of the library. She said they passed a resolution at their last meeting requesting that the library's new website should include current information about each project in the Branch. Library Improvement Program (BLIP) and update it monthly.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association (LUA), said he is also the longest serving member of the LCAC. He said welcome to the new Commissioners. He said there is a sad and long history of this library that would be very useful for the new Commissioners to understand. He said the Commission does not have a long institutional memory in relation to some of the speakers that appear before the Commission. He said one of the

Commissioners reappointed was found in willful misconduct by the Sunshine Task Force and the case has been sent to the Ethics Commission for further action.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2010

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Commissioner Munson nominated Jewelle Gomez as President of the Library Commission for the next year and Commissioner Ono seconded that nomination.

Commissioner Kane nominated Lee Munson as Vice-President of the Library Commission for the next year and Commissioner Ono seconded that nomination.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said there are two new Commissioners who have replaced three Commissioners and there has not been mention of who the new Commissioners are replacing. He said the current president of the Library Commission, Jewelle Gomez, has been found guilty of willful violation of the Sunshine Ordinance by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. He said if the Commission returns this person to the presidency of the Library Commission it means that the Commission has confirmed that violation. He said taking such an action would be a deliberate act of irresponsibility.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Library Commission Secretary attended a Sunshine Ordinance Task Force meeting and reported that the President of the Library Commission stood by her action. He said this issue has never been discussed by this Commission. He said the nominee for President has a great deal of conflict.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the nomination of Jewelle Gomez as President of the Commission for a one year term.

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Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the nomination of Lee Munson as Vice-President of the Commission for a one year term.

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Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said welcome to the new Commissioners. He said the FY 2010-11 budget negotiations continue with the Mayor and the Labor Unions. He said the budget approved by the Commission would require some tweaking if the furlough days are adopted. He said the Library would still maintain its service levels. He said the next item is on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) which is part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Program. The City submitted a grant and the Library had a piece of that submission.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, said there are three different programs as part of the BTOP. She said the three programs are: increasing the public computer center capacity; sustainable broadband adoption; and comprehensive community's infrastructure. She said the Library's portion of the grant submittal is within the public computer center capacity. She said several City agencies are participating in this grant program. She said the public computer center capacity program would create 138 public computing centers throughout the city. She said the Library's strategy is to expand the computer program through the library system.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a Statement of Consensus on the Bernal Heights Library Mural Mediation. He said there has been controversy on what to do with the mural. Supervisor Campos has brought in a mediator, Beth Roy, who brought together a group of residents to discuss and come up with a solution. He said the Statement of Consensus has been signed by 15 individuals who took part in the mediation process. He said there will be an ongoing community process to implement the principles of agreement. He said this issue will come back to both the Art Commission and the Library Commission. He said he is very pleased and optimistic that this will be resolved.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the Library has a policy that if someone offers it money the Library takes it. He said that policy has been problematic in the past and there is now a grants policy. He said it was designed to address the fact that if grants are accepted without any concern for continuing funding, it will strain the operating budget. He said the computer center was a grant from the Microsoft Corporation and has been violated many times. He said the Commission is impervious to its responsibility.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there is a key question on the murals and that is what will happen to the original murals. He said the BTOP program remains a mystery, he asked where the 18 training centers would be. He asked about the media labs and who will have access to these programs.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane asked about the Bernal mural and what will be the cost to the Library to do what is recommended.

Luis Herrera said this is just a framework for what is proposed. He said the Library has made it clear that there is no money from the bond program available for proposed art work. He said there will be more community discussions about this.

The Commission had a discussion about the community process and the proposals in the Statement of Consensus for the Bernal Heights Library Mural.

Commissioner Kane asked about the proposed 12 furlough days as opposed to the 37.5 hour work week for staff and how that will affect the budget.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said it is too preliminary at this point to look at the budget based on these changes.

John Doidge, CFO, said the budget submitted included specific positions. He said the analysis of the 37.5 hour work week and the possible 12 furlough days has not been complete because there are many questions that still need to be answered.

Commissioner Ono asked what the Library Commission's role will be with the Bernal mural.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Library Commission and the Art Commission will be asked to endorse the new proposal after further community input.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, said that they should know within the next month about the BTOP grant.

Commissioner Breyer asked if the Commission could get updates as the process goes on for the BTOP program. He said it sounds like a terrific program.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. LIBRARY FAMILY PASS PROGRAM

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Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services, said the Library has been working with the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) on the Family Pass Program. She said the program will launch the week of April 11, which is National Library Week. She said the name of the program is Check Out San Francisco Family Pass. She said after checking out a pass at any San Francisco Public Library, San Francisco families receive one-time free entrance to participating San Francisco attractions. She explained the basic process and the program goals. She said there are 18 participating attractions. She said this will be a pilot program from April 11, 2010 through December 31, 2010. She said SFPL's role in the program is to develop and maintain the database system for pass check out; managing pass distribution and program promotional materials at each library location; interfacing with families at check out; and helping with outreach and publicity. She said this program will replace the very successful Family Appreciation Day, where the attractions generously opened their doors to San Francisco families.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said while this seems on the surface to be a very noncontroversial thing, it is in fact publicity run amok. He said everyone gets to advertise and no one asks what the benefits of this program are to the Library.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Library is going to be functioning as a rationing mechanism for tickets for the attractions which are feeling overwhelmed with the demand. He asked if this is the role of the library. He said he thought books were the main function of the library. He said this will be a burden on librarians.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said once the passes are in the hands of the public they can use

them or not as they choose. He said he does not see this as a big work load and it gets people into the library.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he thinks there is a direct connection between cultural literacy and bringing families to the library and it is about community building in the best sense.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services, said they have worked with circulation services staff and they were involved in implementing the program. She said this is about community building.

Commissioner Breyer asked whether there might be suggested reading lists associated with the attraction.

Toni Bernardi said they will certainly be looking at tying the program to reading lists.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the definition of family for the program.

Toni Bernardi said that since DCYF is initially promoting this, their definition of family includes children under the age of 18.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 LABOR UNION REPORT

Cathy Bremer, Chief Steward of the Library Chapter of SEIU Local 1021, said welcome to the new Commissioners. She said there is a framework for an agreement that includes a 5% salary give back, which is less than the 37.5 hour workweek. She said it keeps staff with full time status. She said they are looking forward to the negotiations concluding. She said the money will come out of salaries and there will be no days where staff will not get paid. She said it is 12 furlough days per year and it is a two year contract. She said she hopes the Commission will be revisiting the budget. She said losing a position is far more punitive than temporarily lowering the materials budget. She said if we give up positions we will never get them back. She said the book budget is more flexible.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the Labor Union report gives the Commission some perspective on what is going on. He said one does not want to contradict the importance of the librarians' contribution. He said the balance to keep in mind is people expect books, research services and access to what Mr. Herrera calls cultural literacy.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is glad the representative from the Labor Union is feeling better about the apparent outcome of the labor negotiations. He said not laying off any staff members is to be desired.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane said he had pushed to have the book budget pushed back to preserve jobs and he hopes the library will continue to look at those numbers.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we did rollback the book budget to the 2008 level and any more rollbacks may start to compromise the books and materials budget. He said 78% of the budget is personnel costs so he said they are looking at efficiencies and vacant positions.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the morale of the staff and said that one of the extraordinary things about the library is the people who work here.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a certain amount of anxiety with staff but it does seem to be better now as labor negotiations continue.

President Gomez said the Library is very fortunate to have a very good Union representation that has an honest appreciation for both what the union members need and for what is best for the library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is another example of the Commission's nonresponsive action on flaws in the minutes. He said on page 7 what was meant by his comments was that the Commission completely denies the truth and refuses to recognize the experience of the citizens. He said his comments on Mr. Herrera's 5th anniversary were not noted. He said on page 3 his comments were reflected accurately and on page 8 the words "materials expenditures" should be "materials as a percent of expenditures."

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the discussion on page 8 under public comment is a problematic sentence that distorts what was said. He said corrections should be made to those remarks.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said he would like to make a change to the Minutes on page 7 under the anonymous citizen's comments to read "the way this Commission operates to completely **deny the truth** or recognize the experience of its citizens." He said on page 8 the last sentence under Peter Warfield's remarks words should be added to read ". . .but while the **Park Branch is closed for renovation, library services will be provided by a bookmobile 7.5 hours** per week.

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Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Kane to approve the minutes of February 18, 2010 as amended above.

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Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

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There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of April 1, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Corporate Rape of the Public Library – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The new commissioners will notice that there is provision for public attendance, public comment, specific agenda items, and copies of documents are available.

The library hates it, you have no idea how they hate it.

When the Library Commission was first forced to take public comment, a deputy city attorney stated that no law required respect for what was said.

That was fateful advice, because after that every time you were forced accept laws that promoted openness, fairness, equal treatment and public participation, you attempted to balance the accounts by heaping denigration and ridicule on those who believed in such things, usually me.

It got so bad that I finally started insulting you back.

I am sending the message that you have zero tolerance for democracy.

Of course, you send the same message.

Item 2: Election of Commission Officers for 2010

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The current president of the Library Commission, Jewelle Gomez, has been found guilty of willful violation of the Sunshine Ordinance by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. That finding of willful violation has been referred to the Ethics Commission for a determination of whether that violation shall be found to constitute official misconduct. That determination is presently pending before the Ethics Commission.

There is a legal concept called ratification. It means that if an agent of yours does something that is inappropriate and you confirm that person in the position it means that you have taken responsibility for the violation.

If you return this person to the presidency of the Library Commission it means that you have confirmed that violation. Taking such an action would be a deliberate act of irresponsibility.

Item 3: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The new commissioners have already learned the lesson that you must remain impervious to public comment, stick together, show you are not listening and not ask questions that might be interpreted as encouraging public participation. This is a barrier to your own access to the truth.

This is illustrated by the technology program just discussed. If someone offers the library money, you accept it. This has been so problematic in the past that a grants policy was adopted. It was designed to address the fact that if grants are accepted without any concern for continuing funding it will strain the operating budget.

The computer center was a grant from the Microsoft Corporation that has been violated many times. While no one cares about keeping faith with Microsoft, the lesson is there.

But you are impervious to responsibility.

Item 4: Library Family Pass Program

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

You should always request information in writing.

While seeming non-controversial, it is actually publicity run amok; the publicity tail wagging the public interest dog. No one asks if it is worth it.

At the last meeting, the Librarian's Guild said that the staff was stretched to the limit. We are adding this task with the only benefit being advertising for these commercial attractions.

Now the librarians have to manage the anticipation as well as the disappointment, when the librarians should be concentrating on those who come for library service. In a perfect world we would be adding staff to accomplish this.

This reflects the management philosophy, "The librarians aren't doing anything anyway."

If it were just a free pass for San Franciscans, I wouldn't object. This is another burden serving commercial interests that we should not accept.

Item 5: Labor Union Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

This report gives those commissioners who are listening a chance to gain some perspective. Being called "rude or mean" by the Librarian's Guild may be a political detriment or a political advantage for the Mayor. As an astute politician, the mayor knows that people pay taxes and expect something for their money.

It may be a euphemism to say, put people first, but that has many meanings. The New York

Times described New York attempting to run prisons without prisoners because of the political power of the prison guards.

One does not want to contradict the important contribution of the librarians. The balance to keep in mind is people expect books, research services and access to what Mr. Herrera calls cultural literacy.

Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (February 18, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The Commission is as nonresponsive on this as on everything else. People will ask that mistakes be corrected and it will fall on impervious ears, although sometimes Commissioner Munson will break ranks.

On page 7, "completely deny and recognize" obliterates the meaning. What was meant was that you completely deny the truth and refuse to recognize the experience of the citizens. Also, the "wall of lies" is what money buys was the point.

Mr. Herrera's 5th Anniversary was not mentioned by anyone else, so that might be noted.

On page 3, Supervisor Maxwell would have her own process, not monitor this one, and the unemployment figures were ten years old, not, "not correct."

On page 8, "materials expenditures" must be "materials as a percent of expenditures" or it is wrong and misleading.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

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A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, April 15, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT **DISCUSSION**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.)
This report will consist of *informational presentations*: update on presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission; *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report; Library Commission Schedule Report; and Memos to Historic Preservation Commission dated March 3, and 10, 2010.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES MARCH 4, 2010 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 4, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

4. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 4/12/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2010

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said the Commission returned the President of the Commission to another term as President, knowing she was referred to the Ethics Commission for official misconduct regarding a violation so inexcusable no excuse has been offered. He said the Commission supports dishonesty and corruption if it benefits the people it knows.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said this is the 46th day of the unnecessary closure of the Park Branch Library. He said there is no sign of activity at the library other than the emptiness of the main floor. He said he hopes the Commission will find out if the work is being done as quickly as possible. He said the bookmobile is the only alternate to library service in the Park Branch neighborhood.

Ray Hartz said he will be at each Commission meeting for the foreseeable future. He said he is a strong advocate of open government. He said the website shows no minutes after August 20 of last year. He said he served 3 elected terms on the neighborhood board in Honolulu. He said he listened to every person who came before the board he served on. He said he would like to make sure the records of this public meeting are available to the public.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee and member of the Sunshine Task Force, said she is speaking for herself. She said she was the person involved in the incident with the Commission President. She said the Task Force found a violation and forwarded it to the Ethics Commission. She said this has been extremely traumatic to her.

Commissioner Munson said the agendas are always available at the back of the room at the meeting.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the speaker must have been on the Library's old website since the new website has been updated.

Sue Blackman, Library Commission Secretary, said the agenda and the draft minutes

are currently up to date on the website. She said the agenda is posted on the web the Monday prior to the Thursday Commission meeting.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said that this is National Library Week and we should acknowledge the great work that is being done in our nation's public libraries. He gave statistics on library usage, circulation and access. He acknowledged the work that the library staff does on behalf of our communities. He said yesterday was the Inaugural National Bookmobile Day and SFPL was singled out as the place to celebrate the inaugural day.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said welcome to the two new Commissioners. She said the Quarterly Report for the First Quarter 2010 is available in the back of the room. She said the current budget report is available in the back and it shows the changes approved by the Commission as of February 4, 2010. She said the approved budget is $188,910,119. She said the schedule report has been distributed to the Commissioners and is available in the back of the room. She gave the status of the program and said that 7 property acquisitions are complete including Bayview. She said the support services facility is in operation; 14 branches are complete and open; 8 branches are in construction; 1 branch, Bayview is in bid and award and 1 branch, North Beach is in design. She showed photographs and gave reports on projects in construction including: Parkside; Visitacion Valley; Ortega; Anza; Merced; Golden Gate Valley; Presidio and Park.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave an informational presentation on the renovation projects at the Merced, Parkside and Park Branch Libraries. She said there are two memos from the Library to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) dated March 3 and March 10, 2010 in the Commissioner's packets and at the back of the room. She said the Library has reviewed the HPC's recommendations and has implemented a number of modifications to the Merced, Parkside and Park branches and she explained specific cases where recommendations were not able to be implemented.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, gave a summary of public outreach for the program. She said the Park closing party was on February 27 and the Potrero Grand Reopening was March 6.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the Portola Branch was mentioned in the Design Showcase in "American Libraries" magazine. He said the last time we had this report, the contractor for the Golden Gate Valley Branch had not been selected yet and now we are 14% towards completion. He said the Bond Program Manager's Report sends you to the website and a number of people have been misdirected to the old website.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there are problems with the website and being misdirected to the old website. He said the architecture of the Merced Branch Library has been damaged if not destroyed. He said the Park Branch has a dreadful design with regards to an enclosed staff work area. He said key to the design of the Park Branch was the uninterrupted open space characteristic of Carnegie Branches and the oversized bookcases are inappropriate. He said there is a two month delay at Park Branch and only one percent is completed.

Ray Hartz said he has a great deal of experience working with people in government.

He said the Bond Program Manager's Report is very, very good and if the Commission was open to public comment more than it appears, you might end up with larger groups who might benefit greatly from the quality work being done here.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane said he is anxious to hear the report at the next meeting about schedule changes. He asked if there are any early estimates on costs due to some of the delays.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager said they have been trying to mitigate any delay and costs to the budget.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that for the Park and Presidio Branches there should not be an impact to the budget.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said that there were unforeseen circumstances for the Anza Branch that may result in budget impacts in the future.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they do not anticipate any adjustment to the budget at this time. He said the budget has previously been increased for the Park Branch and the project is within that budget

Commissioner Kane asked about the new process for the Bayview Branch.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said it is a three part process for the Bayview Branch and they are in the Request for Qualifications stage. She said the Pre-Qualification stage should be complete by the end of next week.

Samuel Chiu, Department of Public Works, said after they have the pre-qualified candidates, they will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the candidates. He said they are planning on issuing the RFP in mid-May and asking for the proposals back in a month's time. He said the process from there will take until approximately July.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the costs of the bookmobiles and how they are disbursed during the branch renovations.

Brian Bannon, Chief of Branches, said the bookmobiles are part of an overall interim services plan when a branch library is closed. He said the Library partners with a neighboring agency to continue programming in the neighborhood. He said the Library adds additional hours and staffing to neighboring branches to account for the changes in use. He said the bookmobile service is intended to provide some collections to look through and it serves as a major holds pick up, so that if patrons go online and select materials that will be delivered to them through the bookmobile. He said the library has looked at balancing the hours and stops for the bookmobile.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we do have professional librarian staff available 95% of the time on the bookmobiles.

Brian Bannon, Chief of Branches, said there is a new green bookmobile coming on line very soon. He said there are currently five bookmobiles and they focus on children's services, homebound patrons, remote users in the Treasure Island area, and two are used for the BLIP program.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the Park Branch and whether there has been a

discussion about having displays or exhibits highlighting these historic libraries within the buildings.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said as the historic landmark process proceeds with the Historic Preservation Commission a discussion on displays and exhibits would be a good one to have.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2010

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the summaries are not as bad as we have seen previously but they are still politically skewed. He said on page 1 the anonymous citizen was making the point that selling the lies you are given is the root of planning disasters. He said under the Labor Union Report the anonymous citizen's point was that the undermining of democracy and disrespect for public employees is an analogy to the way the Friends has undermined the library.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Minutes have some good parts and some that should be improved. He said in his statements on page 3 he did not say that the bookmobiles have no professional staff what he said was that the bookmobiles have no professional librarians.

Ray Hartz said in the minutes where it gets to the point where someone's presentation is mischaracterized in a way that it is reflected differently than what was intended then that is a concern. He said there might be a better more effective way of getting these minutes out to the public.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said the minutes are well shaped to present the main points that are covered. He said from time to time he will make corrections to the Minutes. He said the Commission believes in a positive environment at the meetings. He said he thinks these minutes are fine.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the minutes of March 4, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of April 15, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

Please note: These are draft minutes subject to revision by the Public Library Commission. Copies of commission minutes and handouts are available in the office of the secretary of the San Francisco Public Library Commission, 6th floor, Main Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-4733.

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Did the Library Commission suppress public comment knowing this was going to be the comment? I didn't know. I thought I would find some reason and decency. What a fool I was.

Every year brought hate and ignorance I would have thought unthinkable.

You ratified the president of this Commission to another term, knowing she was referred to the Ethics Commission for official misconduct regarding a violation so inexcusable no excuse has been offered.

That shocks the community conscience. You support your fellow commissioners no matter what they have done. You support dishonesty and corruption if it benefits the people you know.

You are against honesty, decency, justice and fairness, because it might benefit people you don't know.

Those are gang values. If you run a public institution according to gang values, it is called Fascism.

Item 2: Bond Program Manager's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics?

I wish I had beat Mr. Herrera to the punch in announcing National Library Week. I can announce that the Portola Branch was mentioned in the Design Showcase in "American

Libraries" magazine.

It has been a while since we had this report because of a continuance, as well as a cancelled meeting. Formerly color copies of the report were available, but it seems that those days are over.

The last time we had this report, the contractor for Golden Gate Valley had not been selected, although the branch had been closed and now we are 14% completed.

It was just a few weeks ago that I was sent to the old website while looking for the new website. Apparently, it is cached on your server.

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes (March 4, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The point has been made that discouraging or categorically ignoring public comment has a spiraling, self-reinforcing effect. The commission never learns.

It should have been possible to use the same letterhead as the agenda to show the names of the commissioners.

The summaries are not as bad as previously but they are still politically skewed.

As examples, on page 1, the anonymous citizen is making the point that selling the lies you are given is the root of planning disasters. On page 5, the point regarding corporations undermining of democracy and the disrespect for public employees is to see the analogy to the way the Friends & Foundation has undermined this library.

But the point is that the comments regarding the approval of the minutes should report relevant details rather than just state "did not include all of his comments."

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, May 6, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. RESOLUTIONS HONORING FORMER COMMISSIONERS LONNIE K. CHIN AND MEL LEE **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve resolution honoring former Library Commissioners Lonnie Chin and Mel Lee).
Explanatory Documents: Resolutions

3. CHINATOWN BRANCH RENAMING **DISCUSSION**
(Discussion on possible renaming of the Chinatown Branch in honor of Him Mark Lai.)
Explanatory Document: Library Facilities Naming Policy – Policy #601 and Him Mark Lai Celebration of Life Committee letter and Biography.

4. LANDMARK DESIGNATION PROCESS FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS **DISCUSSION**
(Presentation and discussion on the landmark designation process for historic buildings pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code).

5. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT by Luis Herrera **DISCUSSION**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: FY 2010/11 Budget; SFPL website; Resource Fair in honor of Older Adult Month; US Impact Study of Computer Use of Internet; and Highlights on Exhibitions and Programs.

6. LABOR UNION REPORT DISCUSSION
(This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES APRIL 1, 2010 ACTION
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 1, 2010)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

8. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) ACTION

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 5/3/2010

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Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary 03/29/07

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

(As approved at the regular meeting of June 3, 2010)

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2010

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said at the last meeting a Commissioner said certain speakers are 95 to 98% negative. He said people outside of San Francisco think Library Commission meetings must be profound and serious discussions of library issues. He said the Commission blocks any serious discussion and it cannot blame the citizens for being negative.

Ray Hartz said his main focus is access for the public to public comment and the public record. He said the Sunshine Ordinance says the members of the public have the right to address any public body and it is a constitutional right.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said at the last meeting the Vice-Chair of the Commission made comments about the so called negativity of some of the speakers. He said those comments were inappropriate and members of the public did not have a chance to respond.

Ted Bamberger, member of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC) said the Library is putting on a National Older Adult Month Resource Fair on Saturday, May 8,

2010 from noon until 4 p.m.

Edmund Larry said he visited libraries growing up in Arkansas. He said the library gives him ways to deal with depression. He would like to see libraries open 24 hours.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER COMMISSIONERS LONNIE K. CHIN AND MEL LEE

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Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said Commissioner Lee's first meeting was January 17, 2008 and Commissioner Chin's first meeting was in March or April, 1988 a difference of twenty years. He said Lonnie Chin listened to a citizen, Richard Rothman about a discriminatory policy at the library and ended up changing the policy because of it. He said she never did it again. He said Mel Lee was one of the commissioners who asked serious questions and expected direct answers and I am grateful for his service.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the loss of Lonnie Chin represents the last person on this body with institutional knowledge back for a long time. He said Lonnie Chin provided additional value and entertainment to Commission meetings. He said she always participated and always had a fantastic sense of style. He said it is unfortunate Mel Lee is leaving the Commission. He said he asked questions that were valuable and important in finding out what was going on particularly with the bond program.

Larry Edmund said where he grew up there was only one Asian family. He said libraries show us who we are across this world.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane said they will miss Lonnie's attention to schools and Mel's expertise in the construction and development area for the BLIP program.

President Gomez said she wanted to thank both Commissioners Chin and Lee for their support and guidance during their time on the Commission.

Commissioner Munson said when he first came on the Commission he noticed that Lonnie was always very kind and helpful and he said he learned a lot from her. He said that he and Mel both have a financial background and with Mel's experience in construction he is going to be greatly missed.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that staff is very indebted to both Lonnie Chin and Mel Lee. He said that Lonnie's legacy is in her support of the bond program and also working closely with the education programs that the library offers. He thanked Mel for his expertise on the business side and help on the BLIP program and his community involvement.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the Resolutions to recognize, honor, commend and thank former Commissioners Lonnie K. Chin and Mel Lee for their service to the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

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Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

President Gomez read the full Resolutions into the record.

Lonnie Chin said people should donate to the Friends of the Library. She said she served on the Library Commission for a long time and she learned to be very patient. She said Mayor Agnos appointed her to the Commission. She said most people love the library and they do not come to the Commission so what is usually heard is only the negative. She said she would like the library to host a forum about the future of libraries.

Mel Lee thanked the Commissioners and staff for their support while he was on the Commission. He said serving on the Commission you do not receive monetary remuneration but you do receive experience. He said a year and a half ago the soft costs for the BLIP program were at 36% he said the bidding process has been streamlined and projects are coming in at budget and sometimes lower than budget. He said that is something the Commission should be very proud of. He said he is supporting the renaming of the Chinatown Branch Library to the Him Mark Lai Chinatown Branch Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. CHINATOWN BRANCH RENAMING

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Public Comment

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Judy Yung, former member of the Library Commission, former librarian at the Chinatown Branch and on the Him Mark Lai Celebration of Life Committee, said as librarian at the Chinatown Branch Him Mark helped her develop a Chinese language collection and a Chinese American Interest Collection. She said he provided her and many other librarians reference assistance throughout his life. She said on the first anniversary of his passing they are proposing that his name be added to the Chinatown Branch Library. She said they believe their request meets the guidelines in the Library Commission's naming policy. She said she is presenting materials to the Commission including 1600 signatures on petitions in support of the renaming, letters of support from a broad spectrum of community organizations, Chinese newspaper articles in support and a line-up of 12 speakers representing different constituencies in support of adding the name Him Mark Lai to the Chinatown Branch Library.

An anonymous citizen said it would have been nice to have a presentation from the administration on this issue. He gave the background on the Library Facilities Naming Policy.

Supervisor David Chiu thanked the Commissioners for their service and their remarkable patience. He thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their tremendous work for the community and he thanked the City Librarian for a well-run library system. He said he is in support of the naming proposal for Him Mark Lai. He said the Chinatown Branch is in the heart of District 3 and he holds office hours there to meet with constituents. He said Him Mark Lai had a tremendous impact on documenting the history and stories of the Asian community. He said he inspired many of the youth in San Francisco including himself as President of the Board of Supervisors because he helped to educate the Asian community about their history.

A local filmmaker said she produced and directed a film to be shown at the library about the experiences of the Chinese detained at Angel Island. She said she relied heavily on Him Mark Lai has her reference for Chinese history. She said she is in the process of making a new documentary about Him Mark Lai called the Barefoot Historian.

Lonnie Chin said she was speaking on behalf of the Association of Asian Administrators expressing enthusiastic support of adding the name of Him Mark Lai to the Chinatown Branch Library.

Linda Chiu, Dean of Chinese American History, said she is representing over 200 participants of the In Search of Roots Chinese Genealogy Program. She said they are in support of adding the name of Him Mark Lai to the Chinatown Branch Library.

Maurice Chuck spoke in support of adding the name of Him Mark Lai to the Chinatown Branch Library. He said Him Mark Lai was a close friend of his for 60 years and deserves to have the Branch named for him.

A gentleman representing the Chinese American Association of Commerce said he fully endorses and supports adding the name Him Mark Lai to the Chinatown Branch Library

Larry Edmund said he was proud to speak after Supervisor Chiu and this last speaker. He said he was in support of the renaming of the Chinatown Branch. He said he has learned so much about different cultures sine he has been in San Francisco.

Philip Choy, representing the Chinese Historical Society of America, spoke in support of renaming the Chinatown Branch for Him Mark Lai. He said the library was his second home.

Lorraine Dong, Professor and Department Chair of the Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University (SFSU), said she has previously served on the Board of the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. She said SFSU houses the country's first and only college of Ethnic Studies together with Phil Choy, Him Mark Lai they taught the nation's first Chinese American History Course. She said they have collected over 400 signatures at SFSU in support of the renaming of the Chinatown Branch for Him Mark Lai.

Irene Diacollier said she is a middle school teacher who first came to this country at the age of 5. She said the library was a place of refuge. She said a library card was a magic carpet that took us anywhere in the world. She said she learned the value of the history of her people from Phil Choy and Him Mark Lai. She said the Chinatown Branch Library currently holds the greatest collection of Asian interest books. She said the Association of Chinese teachers adds their support to the renaming of the Chinatown library for Him Mark Lai.

Shauna Chin, a sixth grader attending a public middle school, said her entire family grew up in Chinatown from her Great Grandparents on.

She said Mr. Him Mark Lai was a friend of her grandparents and he became a

community activist fighting for people's rights. She said the renaming of the Chinatown branch for Him Mark Lai would be a very honorable way to honor him and encourage children to learn about him and his contributions.

Ruthann Lumikun said Him Mark Lai's accomplishments exemplify the power of the public library. She said he was an avid user of the San Francisco Public Library and she supports the renaming of the Chinatown Branch Library after him.

Commission Discussion

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President Gomez thanked the community for coming out and sharing their thoughts and memories about Him Mark Lai.

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Commissioner Kane said it is very rare that the Commission hears a potential renaming of a library so it is very important to hear from the community in the decision making process.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, in response to a question from Commissioner Kane said there would be more discussion in the community. He said this is the beginning of the process.

Commissioner Breyer said it is great to see so many people in attendance. He asked if it would be possible to survey the patrons in the library itself about whether they support the name change.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that is an excellent suggestion.

Commissioner Ono thanked everyone for coming to the meeting today. She said the policy does say that we will have a community meeting and she asked if we could have translators at that meeting and that if we have a survey could that be translated at well.

Commissioner Munson said this was very moving and he thanked the community for attending the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. LANDMARK DESIGNATION PROCESS FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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President Gomez said this item is a discussion of the City's landmark designation process for historic buildings pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code. She said it is a discussion for the Commission to better understand the process. She said it is not a discussion specifically about the North Beach Branch or the EIR.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian introduced staff from the Planning Department Tim Frey and Tara Sullivan who make the presentation.

Tim Frey, acting Preservation Coordinator for the Planning Department, gave a presentation on the Article 10 Land Designation Process. He said currently there are approximately 260 individual landmarks and 11 historic districts within the city of San Francisco. He outlined the Designation Criteria. He explained the current process under Proposition J. He said the Historic Preservation Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. He explained the Permit Review process in the Planning Code and said that the Certificate of Appropriateness can be appealed to the Board of Appeals. He said the Planning Department uses the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation.

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Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said there were several references to an expected EIR but no background was given on that. He said this is a very impactful issue and it was not available in writing. He said the library has tended to gloss over the importance of historical preservation.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he would like to have a copy of the presentation to look at and study. He said there is a background with landmarking and the library. He said there may be a loss of qualities that would make the Park Branch landmark worthy after the renovation is complete.

Larry Edmund said we get to enjoy the libraries. He said education is knowledge that you should always share with individuals.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson asked about the timeline for the process and all the steps for historic designation.

Tim Frey, Planning Department said the timeline is on a case by case basis depending on the amount of resources the Planning Department has available. He said there are files that outline all the properties and historic districts. He said the Historic Preservation Fund Committee did authorize money to prepare a case report for the Appleton Wolford libraries and the reports have been submitted to the Planning Department and they are currently reviewing those reports. He said they hope to bring the issue back to the Historic Preservation Commission in early summer. He said reports are being done by outside consultants due to budget constraints.

Commissioner Kane asked about the funding and who selected the consultants.

Tim Frey, Planning Department, said the Historic Preservation Fund Committee funded and selected the consultants.

Tara Sullivan, Planning Department said it is very common for the Planning Department to use consultants and the Planning Department does its own independent analysis.

Tim Frey said that the Historic Preservation Fund Committee has one member of the Historic Preservation Commission on the Committee.

President Gomez asked about the Historic Districts in the City.

Tim Frey said there are 11 Historic Districts in the City.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that the Library has been working closely with the Historic Preservation Commission on many of the projects.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Controller's Office continues to refine our budget submittal. He said SEIU has agreed to a tentative agreement with the Mayor's office and if approved it will mean a 4.6% reduction in labor costs. He said if that happens we will go back and revisit the budget. He said the Library has been working with the Recreation and Parks Department.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said we have been working with the Recreation and Parks Department on a programmatic work order consistent with our mission and it allows us to expand our reach into many of the parks facilities and programs. She said SFUSD will not be holding summer school this summer so the Recreation and Parks Department will be expanding their programs and the library will now be part of that.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they will bring the budget back to the Commission as the process continues. He said the Library launched a new website recently and Vivian Pisano will give an update on the website.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, said the SFPL website has been launched and they continue to make changes and enhancements. She said there have been changes to among other things the calendar and booking system on the staff side. She said they are also providing weekly staff trainings. She said on the public side many broken links have been fixed. She said they are revamping and updating the BLIP page, translations on the pages and they have made improvements on the site searches among other things.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this is National Older Adult Month, so he wants to extend an invitation to the Commissioners to attend a Resource Fair on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from noon-4 p.m. in the Latino Hispanic Community Meeting Room, Main Library. He said this is part of the Wise Up! Program which offers resources for learning and living well at any age. He said he just wanted to give the Commission a heads up on the US Impact Study of Computer Use of the Internet. He said we were one of 400 public libraries that participated in a study by the University of Washington's Information School. It is called US Impact and it is a research institute that examines the impact of free access to computers and the internet in public libraries. He said the report customizes it to each jurisdiction that participated in the study. He said we have received the initial report and will bring this back to the Commission for further discussion.

Marcia Schneider, Chief of Communications, Collections and Adult Services, gave a report on the Highlights on Exhibitions and Programs. She said there is a Korean Comics exhibit in the Jewett Gallery through June 13, 2010. She said on the Sixth Floor there is A Dog's Life (with a special appearance by cats) exhibit through May 31, 2010. She said also on the Sixth Floor is the Forbidden City: the Golden Age of Chinatown

Nightclubs through June 12, 2010. She said Coloring Outside the Lines: Black Cartoonists as Social Commentators is in the African American Center through June 17, 2010. She said Elegant Needlework: Embroidery from Shanghai is in the Chinese Center through May 31, 2010. She said Empire of Thirst: Water in the West Photographs by Robert Dawson is in the Jewett Gallery through August 1, 2010. She said some upcoming Programs include GreenFinanceSF, Poets Eleven, Cinco de Mayo at the Mission Branch, and One City One Book featuring Zeitoun by Dave Eggers.

Commissioner Nguyen left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he is pleased that the income prospects seem to be better, but the baseline on the General Fund has not been that good. He said he is gratified about the updates to the website and it seems to be fixed. He said it would be nice if members of the public were thanked for bringing the problems to the Library's attention. He said he would like to hear more about the partnership with the Recreation and Park Department.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he was interested in hearing the highlights on the programs and exhibits. He said it would be nice to have an operating library in the area of the Park Branch during its closure for a rental cost of $30,000 but the library does not choose to do that. He said there are a lot of questions about why so many things are still being questioned and fixed on the website.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Breyer asked about the feedback on the website. He also asked about blogs or interactive features.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology said the feedback comes from a number of sources including from staff, comments from the website, and from patrons. She said several branches have blogs and they are on Facebook and Twitter.

Commissioner Ono asked about the furlough situation for staff.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said after the Unions vote and the Mayor's budget release in early June we will have a better idea of the furlough situation.

Commissioner Kane said this was an excellent report. He said he has read the One City One Book selection and it is an excellent choice. He had additional questions regarding the Recreation and Park resolution and asked if there is a cash payment and if this will be an annual payment.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said it is a work order beginning July 1, 2010 so it is a payment from our Department to the Recreation and Park Department.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said it is two parts and one is the work order the other is by partnering with the Recreation and Park Department we will also have the opportunity to use their facilities for programming and summer reading outreach through their facilities.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the cash payment for Park and Recreation is $350,000, which includes gardening and landscaping.

Commissioner Kane said he would like this to be part of the budget report in the future. He asked that the Library of the Future be brought back as a separate item.

Commissioner Kane left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ITEM NO. 6 LABOR UNION REPORT

There was no Labor Union Report at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the secretary is now acknowledging some of the changes the speakers are requesting. He said regarding the budget on page 8 he said he did say that it was not too bad before specifically requesting that "as a percent" be included because without it the sense was lost. He said there were other areas where his statements were not complete.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he has little expectations that his recommendations for change will be adopted. He requested changes on page 2 and page 7.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the minutes of April 1, 2010.

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Action: AYES 4-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Munson and Ono).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. ADJOURNMENT

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There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Breyer to adjourn the regular meeting of May 6, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Munson, and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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These summary statements are provided by the speaker: Their contents are neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Mr. Munson commented that "certain speakers are 95 to 98% negative in some way."

I have participated in state-wide library conferences and been a presenter at ALA conferences. When the legendary Sandy Berman was honored by the American Library Association he mentioned sharing the honor with citizen-activists including Mr. Warfield and me.

A biennial anthology, "Best of Alternative Library Literature" has selected essays from my newsletter four separate times. "Alternative" meaning liberal and humanist

Outside San Francisco people think Library Commission meetings must be serious intellectual discussions.

If you want to block any serious discussion, you can break the law, make up ridiculous lies, descend into name calling, laugh while we are talking, drag out le mot de Coulter when you have nothing left, finally put five dollars in your precious public comment fund.

You can't blame negativity on the citizens.

Item 2: Resolutions Honoring Former Commissioners Lonnie K. Chinn and Mel Lee

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation

Mr. Lee's first meeting was January 17, 2008 and Ms. Chinn's first meeting was March or April of 1988, a twenty year difference.

Let me say something complimentary about Ms. Chinn. Mr. Richard Rothman, who became a prominent city employee, but was a private citizen at the time, discovered a discriminatory policy in the library. When he brought it to the Library Commission, Ms. Chinn listened to him, discovered that he was right and ended up changing the policy. The administration was shaking its heads in disbelief. Part of the message is that she never did it again.

Mel Lee came in with two other very prestigious appointments, Al Harris and Dr. Del Portillo, who all seem to be gone now. Mr. Lee was one of the commissioners who asked serious questions and expected direct answers and I am sorry to lose him.

Item 3: Chinatown Branch Renaming

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation

It is disappointing that we did not hear from the administration before taking public comment so that we can understand its perspective, as well as receive some background.

Concerning policy rather than the naming per se: When the Eureka Valley branch was built the McCreary family donated the land and they were told that the library had a policy against naming branches for individuals. An exception was made for the Anna Waden branch and for each exception after that there were concerns expressed that a policy be put in place to make subsequent exceptions more restrictive.

There is a tendency to be emotional and conciliatory, and just give in to a naming, but over the entire city there are just not enough libraries to name them all for people that a community loves.

Item 4: Landmark Designation Process for Historic Buildings

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

The president may have wanted to take public comment while I was out of the room, but informed public comment is more important than just me.

There was a reference to this not being about the coming environmental impact report, but there has been no background on what that is about.

This is an important subject but this presentation was not available in advance or in writing, and having things in writing should be one of your priorities.

The library has tended to gloss over historical preservation on the theory that it generates more money to give a blank check to some contractor to start from scratch. That has not been wise in the past and I hope you will take this seriously.

Item 5: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

It is too bad commissioners seem to be leaving. These important items are without sufficient detail.

I am pleased that the income prospects seem to be better, but the baseline refers to the General Fund and the news has not been that good.

I am gratified by the report about the website. It was just a few meetings ago that I was misdirected to the old website, creating some confusion. It seems to be fixed.

In many institutions this would be heralded as a success because you had listened to public concerns and addressed them. Those institutions would also be thanking the public who brought it to your attention. Too bad we don't have the same perspective here.

I wish we could hear more about the partnership with the Recreation & Park Department and filling in its shortfall.

Item 7: Approval of the Minutes (April 1, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

These minutes are a dramatic step forward in one particular aspect. The secretary is now acknowledging suggested changes to prior minutes rather than abbreviating it to "comments not accurate" as in the past.

However, on page 6, the minutes quote "comments were reflected accurately." The secretary must have had a dizzy spell. With respect to the page 3 comments, I had specific changes regarding Supervisor Maxwell initiating her own process and the currency of statistics.

With respect to the budget issue on page 8, I did say that it was not too bad before specifically requesting that "as a percent" be included because without it the sense was lost.

Under general public comment, the logical connection that was omitted was that denigrating speakers was a reaction to the commission being forced to allow public comment.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, May 20, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND URGING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO INITIATE LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR THE MARINA BRANCH LIBRARY AND REJECT THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR THE NORTH BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY **ACTION**
(This item is a discussion and possible action to recommend supporting the Planning Department's recommendation to initiate Landmark Designation for the Marina Branch Library and reject the landmark designation for the North Beach Branch Library)
Explanatory Documents: Draft Resolution; Planning Department Landmark Designation Case Report.

3. BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TRANSFERS **ACTION**
(Transfer of funds from Branch Library Improvement Program Reserve and Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment Reserve to the Parkside Branch Library; and transfer savings from the Glen Park, Marina, West Portal and Western Addition Branches to the Program Reserve)
Explanatory Documents: City Librarian Memo to Commission dated May 17, 2010 and Memo from Lena Chen to City Librarian dated April 30, 2010.

4. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT **DISCUSSION**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.)
This report will consist of *informational presentations*: Environmental Impact Review process for the North Beach Branch Library; *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report; Library Commission Schedule Report; and Planning Department Environmental Review Process Summary.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES APRIL 15, 2010 **ACTION**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

6. ADJOURNMENT (requires motion & public comment) **ACTION**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 5/17/2010

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Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary 03/29/07

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2010

(As amended and approved at the June 17, 2010 regular meeting.)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Nguyen and Ono

Commissioner excused: Munson

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen quoted former Commissioner Chin from the last meeting saying "Unless you are willing to donate money, I would say, shut up." He said history shows that the reason the Commission could never tolerate open discussion was because you were trying to sell some lie. He said all of those lies have been exposed.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said the previous speaker pointed out something very true and that is that long time Commissioner Chin did make those remarks at the last meeting. He said perhaps that is an underlying concept at the Library Commission. He said at the Library Citizens Advisory Committee meeting the City Librarian said he is glad the library is maintaining open hours. He said the Park branch will have no open hours for at least one year.

Sue Cauthen, Chair, Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC), said that they had a very good presentation on the budget at their meeting. She said they fell one vote short of the nine they needed to pass a resolution in support of the budget. She said the

LCAC has 17 members, 14 of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and 3 by the City Librarian. She said one of the Board of Supervisors' positions is vacant and they only had one of the City Librarian's appointees available to vote.

Joan Wood said she lives in North Beach and she would like to see the North Beach library renovated and not torn down. She said the Historic Preservation Commission has initiated landmarking for the North Beach Branch. She urged the Commission to not approve the Resolution under agenda item No. 2 and to reject the landmark designation for the North Beach Branch Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND URGING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO INITIATE LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR THE MARINA BRANCH LIBRARY AND REJECT THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR THE NORTH BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a draft resolution supporting the recommendations of the Planning Department before the Commission for action today.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the Marina Branch opened on August 4, 2007. She said it was a renovation with an addition. She said they were not able to add a program room to the branch. She said the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) initiated a landmark study of the building in October 2009. She said the Planning Department Landmark Designation Case Report recommends that the Marina Branch be designated as a landmark building. She said the North Beach Branch was originally planned as a renovation of approximately 500 sq. ft. to offset the loss of public space to meet ADA requirements and seismic safety. She said after public meetings in July 2003, the library looked for alternate locations and none were found. She said in 2007 the Library Commission voted to expand the scope to a larger library. A Master Planning Process in conjunction with the Recreation and Parks Department was held from March through September 2008. The Recreation and Park Committee and the Library Commission voted in September 2008 to approve the Master Plan which includes building a new building on the triangle. She said the Environmental Impact Review for the project is still in process. She said the Planning Department recommendation is to reject landmark status for the existing North Beach Branch Library. She said the current library is on four levels and accessibility and functionality are very difficult.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this would be more persuasive if the library had a

background of respect for history and tradition in the past. He said there have been plenty of instances where it would have been more prudent to respect the buildings you already have. He said if you build the new building that will be a symbol of betrayal and regret for a large segment of the population.

Teresa Del Santo, President Yick Wo Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, said 60% of their students do not have computers in their homes. She said they strongly support the proposed new North Beach Branch Library.

Julie Christensen, member of the Friends of Joe DiMaggio playground, said she has been working on this project for eleven years. She said she has appeared before the Historic Preservation Commission and they were told that the use of the building and the people who use them were not their issue buildings were She said congratulations to the Commission for supporting the new branch and she hopes the Commission will reach out to the Commissioners of the Historic Preservation Commission and hope that they do what's right for the City and not just for a building.

Howard Wong, Friends of the Appleton Wolford Libraries, said that many in the community support many of the programmatic requests from all parts of the community but they also feel that historic preservation fits very nicely. He said he grew up going to the North Beach Library and he said it is a very special building. He said many of the other renovations have been very well done and this could be as well.

Peter Warfield said when people start to lose their own sense of themselves and their own sense of their history they lose a portion of their own being and their own identity. He said it seems appropriate that a library would not only preserve its valuable collection but its own history and its own historic buildings.

Donna Bero, Friends of the Library, said the Branch Library Improvement Program is perhaps the most ambitious public preservation program that has ever occurred in this city. She said every individual branch is looked at through the needs of the community. She said the community has worked very closely to say what they really need.

Sue Cauthen said she is active in both the North Beach Neighbors and the Telegraph Hill Dwellers Association, both of whom are very much opposed to the Library's plan. She said they have a number of architects who have come up with plans for a renovation. She said we have to consider our heritage.

Marian Chatfield-Taylor, Friends of the Library, said she is out in the community a lot

and she has heard a tremendous amount of support for the new North Beach branch. She is confident it will get tremendous fundraising support.

Pat Tora said she took part in the community meetings. She said the consensus at those meetings was that people wanted a new library. She said the library will encroach 18" past the current curb not the 20' which one of the previous speakers alluded to. She said she supports the resolution and encourages the Commission to reject the landmark designation for the North Beach branch.

Joan Wood said she would like to read a list of supporters.

President Gomez said because Ms. Wood spoke during the public comment portion on this item she could submit the list of supporters but would not be allowed to speak.

A gentleman in the audience said he has been a patron of the North Beach Branch library for the last 15 years. He said he is very excited about having a new library and an expansion of open space.

A 50 year resident of the North Beach area said she has been going to the North Beach branch library all that time. She said it clearly does not serve its purpose now. She said she attended four of the five community meetings. She said she strongly supports this resolution and she thinks most of the residents do too.

Karen Mauney Brodek, Planner with Recreation and Parks Department, said she is here to answer any questions and to say that the Recreation and Parks Department and the Commission are working very closely on this.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane said he does appreciate the courtesy of the speakers on this issue. He said the Commission and the library have been deeply concerned about each branch. He said the library has won awards for historic preservation. He said through the process he has come to believe that the existing building cannot be renovated to meet the needs of the library on that site. He said he believes the Master Plan and the new library best serve the community and he will support the Resolution.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the Environmental Impact Report and how that impacts this issue.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said these are two separate issues and two separate processes.

President Gomez said the date at the bottom of page 2 should be corrected from "letter dated 9/14/10" to "9/14/09".

Michael Jacinto, Environmental Planner with the Planning Department, said the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will look at whether the building is considered an historic resource for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act. He said buildings over 45 years of age need to be evaluated for their historic potential. He said the action the HPC is considering on whether to landmark the building or not is a separate issue from the EIR.

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President Gomez said the current library is not accessible so she asked how the library is handling that issue.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian said the programming has been located at the Joe DiMaggio clubhouse, which is adjacent to the building. She said it is less convenient. She said it is still an issue that the restrooms in the existing branch are not accessible. She said they are working closely with the Mayor's Office of Disability to insure that the branch can stay open.

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Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the resolution supporting the recommendations of the Planning Department and urging the Historic Preservation Commission to adopt resolutions to initiate landmark designation for the Marina Branch Library and reject the landmark designation for the North Beach Branch Library with the correction to the date at the bottom of page 2 to correct the typo from 9/14/10 to 9/14/09.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TRANSFERS

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there are two memos before the Commission. He said one is from Lena Chen dated April 30, 2010 and outlines a correction to the Parkside Branch Library budget. He said the other is dated May 17, 2010 to the Commission and gives background on the requested Branch Library Improvement Program budget transfers.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the budget for the Parkside Branch was analyzed based on an incorrect projected budget. At this time they are requesting that the Parkside budget be increased by $346,817 to correct that action. She said this amount is actually lower than the initial project budget that was approved.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said there is a correction to the May 17, 2010 memo and that is the date for the requested action would be May 20, 2010. She said the Library is requesting that the Commission transfer $138,500 from the Furniture Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E) reserve for shelving and $208,317 from the program reserve to the Parkside Branch project. She said the Parkside project will be fully funded through construction and the Program Reserve will total $1,821,624. She said the second request is for a transfer of funds from closed out projects to the Program Reserve. The requests are for $3,402 to be transferred from the Glen Park Branch; $75,000 from the Marina Branch; $1,143 from the West Portal Branch; and $855 from the Western Addition Branch. She said the approval of both of these actions will bring the Program Reserve to a total of $1,902,024.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is something that has been back and forth. He said when there was an impact on the program, you removed the alternative service funds and took 5% from each project to replenish the reserve. He said the voters were promised that there would be no more than three or four branches closed at one time. He said now that savings are flowing back into the reserve the original commitment for local service should be reviewed based on promises to the voters.

Peter Warfield said as the previous speaker said "do we have respect for previous commitments." He said are we going to use the $80,400 from closed projects for a storefront for the Park Branch, which he has found would cost $30,000. He said no we are not going to use that because the City Librarian said we are too poor. He said it is not a lack of money it is bad priorities.

Commission Discussion

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, in response to a question from Commissioner Breyer said the reason for the accounting error was party because of the significant bid saving because of the economy. She said too much was given back to the Reserve at about 40% construction phase so the additional amount needs to be transferred back into the project.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the savings projection was based on a projected budget rather than the approved budget.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is pressure to close out the construction projects early but they will continue to do their best at accurately closing out the projects.

Commissioner Breyer asked if there were protocols in place to prevent this from happening again.

Commissioner Kane said he would look at these close outs more closely in the future.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Kane to approve the transfer of $138,500 from the Furniture & Equipment Reserve and $208,317 from the Program Reserve to the Parkside Branch budget; and that $80,400 would be moved from Glen Park, Marina, West Portal and Western Addition which are closed projects to the Program Reserve. .

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager said in addition to the Regular report there will be an informational presentation on the Environmental Impact Review (EIR) process for the North Beach Branch Library from Michael Jacinto from the Planning Department. She said the current budget report is available in the back and it shows the changes approved by the Commission as of February 4, 2010. She said the approved budget is $188,910,119. She said the schedule report has been distributed to the Commissioners and is available in the back of the room. She said schedule changes will be brought back to the Commission for approval at the July meeting. She gave the status of the

program and said that 7 property acquisitions are complete including Bayview. She said the support services facility is in operation; 14 branches are complete and open; 8 branches are in construction; 1 branch, Bayview is in bid and award and 1 branch, North Beach is in EIR/design. She showed photographs and gave reports on projects in construction including: Parkside; Visitacion Valley; Ortega; Anza; Merced; Golden Gate Valley; Presidio and Park. She gave the summary of public outreach and said the Historic Preservation Commission will be hearing the landmarking issue on June 16, 2010.

Michael Jacinto, Planning Department staff, explained the Environmental Review Process. He said the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been a law for about 40 years. He said in California, environmental review is to disclose the impacts of a project and to ensure public participation. CEQA impact would be a substantial adverse change to the environment. He said the Department uses a standardized checklist. He said the North Beach Branch Library includes a traffic study. He said cumulative impacts on potential land use changes in the neighborhood are also considered. He said in April 2009 and initial study was prepared. He said the areas that were identified as needing future study for the North Beach Branch library were historic resource issues, transportation, land use, shadow and visual quality. He said those five topics are being studied thoroughly and a draft EIR will be available in June or July. He said the Planning Department is also required to look at alternatives to the project.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said the report involved 10 branches. He said 8 of those 10 involve some delay. He said acknowledgment of minimal delay is better than out of control delay and no review at all. He said these delays should still concern you. He said the summary of the EIR was so abstract that it was free of assumptions. He said the EIR is hotly contested and mitigations are usually social and economic in nature.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Park Branch, which closed for construction the first day of March, is an unnecessary closure, and there is no real library service. He said November 10, 2010, is the approved open date and the community was told there would be a year- long closure. He said that these dates seem to be not up to date. He said on an approved budget of $189 million, it's very interesting there is not money to pay rent for a storefront library in the area.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane said it looks like many of the projects have been delayed one or two months and he would like to see another column added where we convey good

information about when these are going to be done. He asked about the causes for the delays. He asked about budget delays.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager said some for the delays are due to rain.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they do not anticipate budget impacts for the delays except for the Bayview Branch.

Commissioner Kane said it is important that we show any schedule delays or budget impacts. He asked about the Bayview Branch and when it will break ground.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they are still anticipating the Bayview Branch to break ground in early Fall. He said the schedules need to be modified and we plan to come back to the Commission in July with schedule modifications.

Commissioner Kane said he understands that the draft EIR will be issued in June and he asked about the expectation for certification of the report.

Michael Jacinto, Planning Department, said the timing is difficult to estimate on preparing a final EIR. He said there is a minimum of 45 day review period. He said it is assumed that the final EIR will be back to the Planning Commission by the end of the year. He said there is a limited amount of staff in the Planning Department. He said Planning Department staff reviews the work done by consultants on the EIR. He said the Library Commission can make comments on the EIR as a commission or as individuals.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he will find out if there is a protocol for the Commission to have input on the EIR.

Michael Jacinto, Planning Department, said the Historic Preservation Commission will give its input into the EIR.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the schedule for the Park Branch.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said there have been small delays to the schedule. She said there are so many projects that are scheduled to open in early 2011 that we are going to have to space out the openings and pace projects. She said there were multiple bid protests on the Park Branch and Presidio Branch projects that have caused delays.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Park Branch will probably not open until spring, 2011.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is an egregious example of the way the minutes are politically skewed. He said the first four people under public comment spoke about the commission's tactics in suppressing public comment. He said in each instance, those comments are not reflected in the minutes.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he agreed with the previous speaker with respect to the skewed reporting in the minutes. He said he would like the Commission to correct under agenda Item No. 2. that they were told that the Park Branch had an estimated delay of two months. He said he does not see that in the Minutes. He said they were told they would have an explanation at the next meeting. He said when he speaks about the Park Branch he is referring to the interior open space and that should be reflected in the Minutes.

Commission Discussion

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President Gomez said that the Commission is not under legal obligation to provide verbatim notes. She said we need to provide information on the action items and a synopsis of comments. She does not encourage changes unless they substantially change the information the Commission receives or acts upon.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Breyer to approve the minutes of April 15, 2010.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

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There was no public comment on this item.

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Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Kane to adjourn the regular meeting of May 20, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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These summary statements are provided by the speaker: Their contents are neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Commissioner Chin said, "Unless you are willing to donate money, I would say, shut up" – once a very common attitude. Before then the challenge was to attend the meeting at all.

I never thought I would live in a society where it was respectable to admit that the attributes of citizenship depend on a donation.

A senior library administrator told me, "actually I agree with you, but we can't have people like you talking." People who are not donating money.

History shows that you could never tolerate open discussion because you were trying to sell some lie.

Free speech has to be protected for unpopular opinions and other social strata.

You create the impression that your contempt is for individuals and I am an easy victim of your contempt, but you are just human beings too.

Item 2: Resolution Supporting the Recommendations of the Planning Department and Urging the Historic Preservation Commission to Initiate Landmark Designation for the Marina Branch Library and Reject the Landmark Designation for the North Beach Branch Library

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation

The citizens should have access to the graphics.

The handout was not even available when I arrived at the meeting.

This would be more persuasive if you had shown some respect for history and tradition in the past. You have always advertised yourselves visionaries, as new car salesmen getting neighborhoods hot on the next futuristic vision.

There have been plenty of instances where it would have been more prudent to respect the buildings you already have.

There is a reference to a letter dated five months from now, a typo, I hope.

Having demonstrated your lack of respect for the past, do you want to build a library that will be symbol of betrayal and regret to a large segment of the population. The library is supposed to be a symbol of pride for everyone.

Item 3: Branch Library Improvement Program Budget Transfers

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation

The citizens should have access to the graphics.

The program reserve has been back and forth.

When the impact on the program was foreseen, you removed the alternative service funds and took 5% from each project to replenish the reserve.

The promise to the voters was that no more than three, or at the most four, branches would be closed at once. The voters were also told that careful planning would prevent any particular segment of the city from being overly impacted.

The city has placed a very high priority on local service and unless you want to admit that local service does not matter, we should respect that commitment.

Now that we see savings flowing back into the reserve we should review those original priorities that were based on promises to the voters.

Item 4: Bond Program Manager's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

If you listened to the report carefully you noticed that of ten branches, eight of them involved some delay.

It is good news in a way, because careful review and reports of minimal delay are better than out-of-control delay and no review at all.

I assume that the commission will follow its practice of approving the delay and altering the schedule. The delay should still concern you.

The positive offset of so many branches being closed at once is that so much is getting done. One wonders why this ambitious program could not have been implemented earlier so that the citizens could have had the use of these branches.

The review of the Environmental Impact Reports was free of assumptions, while actually they are hotly contested and mitigations are social and economic in nature.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (April 15, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The minutes do not show the composition of the commission.

This is an egregious example of the way your minutes are politically skewed.

Each of the four people under public comment spoke about this commission's tactics in suppressing public comment. In each instance, those comments are not reflected here.

Peter Warfield's comments reflected here start at his halfway point. He spent the first half of his time talking about commissioners showing their inattention and lack of respect during public comment.

Ray Hartz stated that public comment and the right to participate was a constitutional right.

Sue Cauthen said that she was the one who was not permitted to speak, that the issue had not been addressed, and that participation was the bedrock of democracy.

The anonymous citizen's thesis sentence was the suppression of public comment.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, June 3, 2010**

TIME: **4:30 PM**

PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

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The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment

(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**

(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Public Education Enrichment Fund; BLIP website; Summer Reading Programs; and U.S. Impact Study

Explanatory Documents: Legislative Digest for Public Education Enrichment Fund; Summer Reading Program 2010; U.S. Impact Study report.

3. Update on Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget **Discussion**

(Presentation and discussion on the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget).

Explanatory Document: FY 10/11 Budget Status report.

4. Labor Union Report **Discussion** (This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

5. Approval of the Minutes May 6, 2010 **Action**

(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 6, 2010)

Explanatory document: minutes.

6. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 5/28/2010

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2010

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:41pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, and Nguyen

Commissioner excused: Ono

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen asked what it means to say some citizens are 95% to 98% percent negative. He said if the Commission was not so resistant to democracy it would not find public comment so negative. He said the Commission does not want to hear about the scandals so they block public comment.

Ray Hartz said 95 – 98% negative comment is actually very beneficial comment. He said the Constitution of the United States gives the people the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances and freedom of speech. He said that 95% - 98% negative comment has clearly been marked as protected speech.

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, said if folks have comments you think are negative or positive it is appropriate to bring up the substance of the comments. He said he was shocked at the way that holds are set out for the public to collect. He said it breaks privacy almost completely for the public, because the slip with the names of the patrons is completely visible as well as the material that is being checked out. He said reserved materials should be behind a desk where patrons can ask for them.

Donna Bero, Friends of the Library, said the Friends' Board of Directors has unanimously approved the Friends' budget for the next fiscal year. She said it coincides with the Library's budget so they can be supportive of the agenda of the Library. She said they never try to set or influence the agenda of the Library. She said within the budget, the Board

approved $3.34 million for the Branch Library Improvement Program as well as $750,000 which it each year routinely allocates for programs and exhibits. She said there will also be in kind contributions to the Library through volunteers and advocacy. She said they will be presenting a more thorough presentation of their finances later in the year.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, announced that there will be a celebration of the Life of Effie Lee Morris, who was the first children's coordinator here at the San Francisco Public Library. He said it will be held Monday, June 14th in the Koret Auditorium. He said the Legislative Digest for the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) is available in the Commissioner's packets and at the back of the room. He said it is a proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Alioto-Pier in May. He said it proposes to extend the PEEF from its expiration of June 30, 2016 for an additional year. He said along with extending it a year it also makes some changes and may have potential implications for the Library Preservation Fund. He said staff will continue to have dialogue with the Supervisor's office and will be following this very closely. He said the second item is regarding the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) website.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, said they have redone the BLIP website and she thanked the staff who participated and she explained the changes to the web page.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services, gave an overview of the Summer Reading program. She said the overall theme this year is Water. She said for the children the theme is Water Your Imagination. She said there are three different components; the reading program, weekly programming and Kid Power. She said Kid Power is for students 10-16 and a volunteer program that is their first work experience. She said for the Teens the theme is Go With the Flow. She said they have prizes and a party on August 4, 2010. She said the Friends pay for three high school interns to help with the program.

Cathy Delneo said she is normally at the Park Branch and is currently working at the Sunset Branch. She said the theme for the Adult Reading program this year is Dive Into a Good Book! She said only five branches participated last year, but all of the branches, including the bookmobile and Main are participating this year. Adults can submit book reviews and there will be a competition between the libraries on the Ocean side and the Bay sides of the city. She said whoever wins will get bragging rights. She said there will be monthly programming including films, author visits and local history presentations.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we were very fortunate to participate in a study called the U. S. Impact Study funded by the Gates Foundation and the Institute for Museum and Library Services conducted by the University of Washington. He said this is the first time that data was compiled from

patrons on insights on how the public is using computers, wireless and other information technology. He said we were part of the Web Survey portion of the Study.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, said the survey took place the first two weeks of June in 2009. She said there were 1,746 responses and 77% of the respondents used computers in the library to access online resources. She explained the availability of access to the internet among SFPL users. She explained the types of help users received from SFPL Librarians. She said 41% of users help other patrons She explained the importance of public library internet access.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that the survey asked how people use Library internet connections including E-Government; Youth Education; Adult Education; Health & Wellness; Employment; E-Commerce; and Social Networking.

Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information Technology, gave more details on the study. She said there is a high rate of satisfaction. She said the patrons also had suggestions for improvement including more computers, longer session times, more computer classes; etc.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the issue regarding the Library Preservation Fund is a complex issue that he would like to know more about. He said it should be brought to the commission as a separate action item so that its implications can be explored. He said the only provision for feedback on the BLIP website was an email link to tell us what you think. He said you should allow people to mail in their responses. He said he was very interested in the report on computers in libraries. He said only three percent don't regularly access computers outside of the library.

Sue Cauthen, Chair of the Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC), said the LCAC can take a little bit of credit for the BLIP website update since they passed a resolution asking that it be done. She said she has not found a cost per square foot of each library and would be interested in seeing that added to the site.

Ray Hartz said anything that enhances the access and availability of early education by the library is to be soundly applauded. He said he is interested in the teenage internship program. He said the digital divide is increasing and access to public computers to children who do not have that access is important. He said the use of computers in the library to contact other government agencies and find other information is also important.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is glad there is a summer reading program. He said he did not see on the list the bookmobiles that are serving the closed branches so he is not sure if those bookmobiles are providing the summer reading program. He said

he urged the Commissioners to ask more questions about the proposed Charter Amendment using the Library Preservation Funds. He said he has a lot of questions about the survey relating to computers for the Gates Foundation.

Commission Discussion

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(Approved as amended at the regular meeting of July 15, 2010)

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The meeting was called to order at 4:41pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, and Nguyen

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, announced that there will be a celebration of the Life of Effie Lee Morris, who was the first children's coordinator here at the San Francisco Public Library. He said it will be held Monday, June 14th in the Koret Auditorium. He said the Legislative Digest for the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) is available in the Commissioner's packets and at the back of the room. He said it is a proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Alioto-Pier in May. He said it proposes to extend the PEEF from its expiration of June 30, 2016 for an additional year. He said along with extending it a year it also makes some changes and may have potential implications for the Library Preservation Fund. He said staff will continue to have dialogue with the Supervisor's office and will be following this very closely. He said the second item is regarding the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) website.

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(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2010.)

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2010

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The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Munson, Nguyen and Ono

Commissioner excused: Kane

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of June 17, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Sue Blackman
Commission Secretary

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Notice of Meeting

Note Alternative Meeting Location

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DATE: **Thursday, July 15, 2010**
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Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. Chinatown Branch Library Renaming **Discussion**
(Discussion on possible renaming of the Chinatown Branch Library in honor of Him Mark Lai including a brief overview of the branch history and staff introductions.)
Explanatory Document: Library Facilities Naming Policy – Policy #601; and Chinatown Renaming Survey.

3. Branch Library Improvement Program Schedule Changes
Discussion/Action
(Discussion and possible action to approve changes to the forecast project schedules for the following Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) projects: Merced, Park, Parkside, and Presidio branches.)
Explanatory document: Memorandum to Commission from City Librarian dated July 12, 2010

4. Bond Program Manager's Report **Discussion**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.) This report will consist of *informational presentations*: none; *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report; Library Commission Schedule Report; Historic Preservation Commission report and draft resolution on possible landmarking of the North Beach Branch Library.

5. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: 2010/2011 Budget; Chinatown Branch Stairway Renovation; American Library Association (ALA) and Urban Libraries Council (ULC) recognition awards; 2010 Blue and Green Award; and Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF).

6. Approval of the Minutes June 3, 2010 **Action**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2010)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

7. Approval of the Minutes June 17, 2010 **Action**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2010)
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8. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 7/12/2010

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Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary 03/29/07

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2010

(Approved as amended at the August 19, 2010 regular Commission Meeting)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at the Chinatown Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Munson and Ono

Commissioner Kane entered the meeting at 4:36 pm.

Commissioner excused: Nguyen

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said the Presidio Branch, now being remodeled, has been remodeled many times over the years. He said during one of the remodels the Library Commission took a tour of the branch and the public was not invited. He said he sued and the Library Commission and the Secretary was told that he had to consult with the City Attorney's office whenever the anonymous citizen questioned the Commission about any Brown Act issues.

Peter Warfield said there are six branch libraries currently closed for renovation. He said the only interim service they have is a bookmobile that comes twice a week. He said it was disappointing that at a discussion with the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee the City Librarian said he was not really interested in providing better interim services

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 CHINATOWN BRANCH LIBRARY RENAMING

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President Gomez said that because of the number of people attending the meeting who wanted to speak that public comment on this item would be limited to two minutes.

Victor Lim, Supervisor Chiu's office, said that he would be translating the meeting in Chinese for those who need it.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, introduced Lorna Chee, the acting Branch Manager for the Chinatown Branch, and Janet Cheung, the acting Children's Manager for the Chinatown Branch. He said the Chinatown Branch Library was built in 1921 with Carnegie funds and was known as the North Beach Branch Library and in 1951 was changed to the Chinatown Branch Library. He said in 1996 there was a major renovation to the branch, which is now one of the busiest of the branches, circulating almost a million items this year. He said they have a tremendous number of programs. He said 54% of the service area for the branch is of Asian descent and 43% speak Chinese at home. He said at a previous meeting a petition was brought to the Commission asking that the branch be renamed in honor of Him Mark Lai. He said the Policy is available at the back and said there are five stipulations in the Policy for the naming of a branch. He said copies of the survey are available in the back of the room. He presented the results of the survey.

Sue Lee, Executive Director of the Chinese Historical Society of America said Him Mark Lai was a member of her Board of Directors for many years. She said she is in support of renaming the Chinatown Branch in his honor.

An anonymous citizen said the library is for all the people and it should not be named after individuals.

A person from the audience said he came to America when he was 10 years old and he started to use the Library at the age of 13. He spoke in support of the renaming for Him Mark Lai.

Mabel Teng, Executive Director of the Chinese Cultural Center and former San Francisco Supervisor, said she has been inspired by Him Mark Lai and she supports the renaming in his honor.

Mr. Wong, retired professor in Asian American studies at UC Berkeley, said he is in favor of changing the name of the Chinatown Branch in honor of Him Mark Lai. He said Him Mark Lai was the first person to give Chinese people their history and identity.

Molly Lim said her family is very enthused about having the Chinatown Branch named after Him Mark Lai. She said Him Mark Lai was born and raised in Chinatown.

Edward Fong said he was born and raised in Chinatown and he has used the Chinatown Branch since he was six years old. He said he supports naming the Branch for Him Mark Lai.

Ellen Yung said she uses the Chinatown branch frequently and is in support of naming the Branch for Him Mark Lai.

Mr. Eng spoke in Chinese and it was summarized by Ellen Yung in English. She said Mr. Eng represents the Chinese American Chamber of Commerce and the Association for Unification of China. She said he is in support of renaming of the Chinatown Branch for Him Mark Lai and it would be an affirmation of the harmonious state between the two cultures.

A woman from the audience spoke in Chinese with a translation by Victor Lim. She said she has been in the United States for approximately 10 years and the Chinatown Branch library is part of her family's lives. She said she supports naming the Branch for a Chinese American.

Ms. McClain said she had a bad experience growing up and going to the Main Library. She said the Chinatown Branch was so unique and accepting. She said she met Him Mark Lai about 20 years ago and supports renaming the branch in his honor.

A person from the audience spoke in Chinese with a translation by Ellen Yung. He said he is a writer and said he is in favor of naming the Chinatown Branch for Him Mark Lai. He said by changing the name you will exemplify America's acceptance of the different ethnic groups in the United States.

Rev. Norman Fong said his mother grew up in Chinatown and so did he. He said Him Mark Lai was his teacher for his first Chinese American History course. He said he is the Chair of the Chinatown Coalition for Better Housing. He said the residents in

Chinatown are all in support of changing the name to honor Him Mark Lai.

A person from the audience spoke in Chinese with a translation by Victor Lim. She said she is a student. She said she supports naming the Chinatown Branch after Him Mark Lai.

Lonnie Chin, former Library Commissioner, said that Him Mark Lai loved books. She introduced two third graders from Spring Valley Science School. She said the students have only been in the United States for a year and a half. The children spoke about the benefits that Him Mark Lai brought to them because he documented Chinese American history and asked that his name be added to the Chinatown Branch Library.

A person from the audience spoke in Chinese with a translation by Victor Lim. He said he was a patron of the library and said he was a librarian in China. He said Him Mark Lai was a renowned scholar. He said he supports adding Him Mark Lai's name to the Chinatown Branch.

Nancy Lim Yee said she grew up in Chinatown. She said it is appropriate and fitting that the Chinatown Branch be named after Him Mark Lai.

Albert Yung said his brother-in-law was Him Mark Lai. He said Him Mark Lai would give him books for Christmas and always supported libraries. He said it would be a fitting honor to name the Chinatown Branch after Him Mark Lai.

Miranda Lee said she was impressed by the policy for renaming branches. She said Him Mark Lai is deserving of having the Chinatown Branch named after him.

Grant Din, Director of Special Projects Angel Island Immigration Station, said he was in support of naming the Chinatown Branch after Him Mark Lai.

Germaine Wong, Co-Chair Chinese for Affirmative Action Board, said she chairs the committee that proposed the name change for Him Mark Lai. She said there is a great deal of support in the community for the renaming.

Victor Lim, representing Supervisor David Chiu, thanked everyone for attending the

meeting and for their comments. He said Him Mark Lai inspired many of us. He said he volunteered at the Chinatown Branch during high school and he supports naming the Chinatown Branch Library for Him Mark Lai.

Commission Discussion

President Gomez thanked Him Mark Lai's wife for sharing her husband with this community and everyone for their comments and remembrances. She also thanked Victor Lim for translating.

Commissioner Kane said this is a fantastic turnout and he thanked the staff for the extra work that it takes to have meetings at the branches. He said he would like to see the survey responses broken down by zip codes.

Commissioner Ono said she was very impressed by the number of people who spoke. She said she would also like a breakdown of the survey's comments by zip codes.

Commissioner Hayon said she cannot think of a better way to start her term on the Library Commission. She said it is important to remember people who have actually made contributions to our community.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the survey and how it was distributed.

President Gomez said there will be another Commission meeting in the fall to take action on this item.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE CHANGES

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian said there is a memo outlining the Schedule Changes for the Merced, Park, Parkside and Presidio Branches.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave a brief summary of the reason for the delay on the projects.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said that this is relatively good news and that it has only been recently that out of control delays have been brought down to manageable delays. He said these delays come on top of previously approved delays.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there have been changes upon changes upon changes. He said he thinks it would be appropriate to have a list of changes for each project. He said he was confused about the delays to the Park Branch.

Commission Discussion

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said there is a three month delay for the Park Branch.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the schedule changes to the Merced Branch by four months; the Park Branch by three months; the Parkside Branch by two months and the Presidio Branch by three months.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Munson, and Ono).

Commissioner Kane left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

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Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the current budget report and the Quarterly Report are available at the back table. She said the August schedule updates will include the actions taken by the Commission at today's meeting. She said they will report back in the fall for the opening schedule for the 8 projects in construction. She said that 7 property acquisitions are complete including Bayview. She said the support services facility is in operation; 14 branches are complete and open; and 8 branches are in construction. She showed photographs and gave reports on projects in construction including: Parkside; Visitacion Valley; Ortega; Anza; Merced; Golden Gate Valley;

Presidio and Park. She said they received 9 bids on the Bayview Branch and 6 have been pre-qualified to participate in the second part of the selection process. She said they are anticipating award for pre-construction services in September. She said they will be reporting back to the Commission on the schedule and budget changes for Bayview. She said the North Beach Branch is in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and design stage.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said there is still a concern about the North Beach Branch EIR. He said it has been pushed back and the draft EIR should be available late August. He said they will have a representative from the Planning Department come back to the Commission at the August meeting to give more detail.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted 4-3 to recommend landmark status for both the Marina and North Beach branch libraries at their June 16 meeting. She said the item had to return to the HPC on July 7 to approve the findings. She said the community turned out in opposition to the landmarking. She said the vote at that meeting was 3-3 so because they did not have the 4 votes needed to support the landmarking it was continued to their September 1 meeting.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, gave a summary of public outreach for the program. She said that there was a branch table at the North Beach festival on June 19, 2010 and the BLIP team attended other board and commission meetings.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said the Schedule Report for the current month now designates one year ago, making it look like there is more to come than there is. He said we are actually in the midst of our greatest level of branch closures. He said the current open hours for the libraries are 1,040 which is below the legal standard of 1,211. He said no branch is more controversial than the North Beach Branch.

Peter Warfield said the picture of the Presidio Branch left out a construction company trailer in front of the Branch. He said he has looked into providing temporary trailers and it would be approximately $9,000 a year to provide a trailer in front of closed branches for interim services.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Ono asked about timing of the EIR and the HPC decision for the North Beach Branch.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the EIR and HPC are two separate processes and the EIR process is much longer.

Commissioner Breyer had questions about the construction schedule for the Park Branch. He said he had concerns about the budget impacts on the Bayview Branch.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, explained the construction schedule for the Park Branch and the bidding process for the Bayview Branch.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian said there have been two budget hearings before the Budget and Finance Committee. He said at the first hearing it provided a good opportunity to tell the Supervisors about the BLIP program, maintaining hours and temporary services.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer said one of the areas that is usually looked at is attrition savings and we agreed to up our attrition savings. He said altogether $425,000 was saved in our budget from what was in the Mayor's proposed budget. He explained additional changes to the budget. He said the Committee removed an additional $130,000 so in total $534,000 was removed from the Library's budget. He said in summary our expenses have gone done by $425,000 and our revenue has gone down by $534,000. He said this is in the context of an $80 million budget.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said we are confident that we will be able to maintain service levels and have a solid materials budget. He said the Chinatown Branch needs some work to the façade for restoration.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the library hired Page and Turnbull to do a full report of recommendations on historical preservation for the repairs needed for the Chinatown Branch. He said they will report back to the Commission with their recommendations.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Library has received several awards recently. He said the Library received a Certificate of Honor for the 2010 Green and Blue Award presented by the Department of the Environment; the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award presented by the American Library Association, the Top Innovator 2010 award presented by the Urban Libraries Council and the Best in Show Award presented by the American Library Association's Library Administration and Management Association. He said there had been a proposal to tap into the Library Preservation Fund for the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF). He said that proposal has been dropped.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said Governor Schwarzenegger has announced that former City Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr will be inducted into the California Hall of Fame. He said with respect to the PEEF his understanding is that it has been postponed for a year. He said the library is half a million worse off than we were last month, but he said at that point we were $1.6 million better off than in February. He said not a penny went to books and materials. He said it sends a message about the priority for service to its citizens.

Peter Warfield said the Supervisors during the budget hearings made it clear that they wanted to attempt to bargain with the Library on dropping the $400,000 that the Controller had recommended. He said the City Librarian's response was lukewarm at best. He said the Library is not maintaining hours or services levels.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Breyer suggested the possibility of renting bookmobiles.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said we have not looked at renting a bookmobile but we are in the process of purchasing another one. He said the Commission took a position some time ago that we would not expend money on temporary services other than bookmobiles because it was drawing from dollars from the entire BLIP program.

President Gomez said we have had this discussion in the past and every branch that has been served by the bookmobile during closures has been happy with the service.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said according to Roberts' Rules of Order public bodies take approval of minutes first as part of Old Business so that we can understand what has gone before. He said the minutes are not as bad as they have been in the past. He gave some examples of what is positive about the minutes. He said there were some things that were not included in the minutes.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the minutes have some good points. He said on page 6 approval of the minutes his comments were not clarified and he said there needs to be some specificity.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Munson asked that the word "comments" be added to the first sentence under public comment on page 1 to read "An anonymous citizen asked what it means to say some citizens **comments** are 95% to 98% negative."

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Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the minutes of June 3, 2010 adding the word "comments" as suggested by Commissioner Munson above.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2010

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An anonymous citizen said his comments on page 1 referring to the Friends' financial report needs to be clarified. He said the Friends' report was due on November 15, 2009 to the Attorney General he said conflicting that with the report given to the Commission on March 5, 2009 obliterates the point. He said the filing to the Attorney General shows the seven highest paid employees of the Foundation make in one year what the Library receives from the Friends in a two year period.

Peter Warfield said on page 3 under Agenda item No. 2 Bond Program Manager's Report he said it would be clearer if the specific document name was added to the end of his comments on page 3. He said his comments on page 4 relating to the pressure to close the projects should be clarified.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Breyer to approve the minutes of June 17, 2010.

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Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

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There was no public comment on this item.

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Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to adjourn the regular meeting of July 15, 2010.

Action: AYES 5-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Munson, and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Item No. 1 General Public Comment.

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

During remodeling the Presidio Branch, the president of the Library Commission decided that the commissioners would take a tour without the public. Told the law required public attendance, he said, "I don't care what the law says."

After I sued, the Judge agreed and your Secretary was told another violation would be contempt of court.

Your president responded, "I don't care what the judge said."

I was shocked. I thought complete contempt for reason, authority and the rule of law was uncharacteristic. This was August 18, 1977. I thought that defending democracy in a democracy was reasonable.

The history of this library has been one planning disaster after another.

You think that because you have contempt for humanity, reason and justice, that you can have contempt for reality. Reality has its own rules and humanity has a right to the truth.

Item 2: Chinatown Branch Library Renaming

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

I am not in favor of this proposed naming, but not particularly against it either.

Let me acknowledge the purple gorilla in the room. We have all done our due diligence, and it is no secret that the primary role that Mr. Lai plays in our history is that he was labeled a communist agitator by the FBI back in the witch-hunt days of the 1950's.

The FBI should not be in charge of who is respectable. It has become a badge of honor in certain circles to have been the object of such harassment. I am certainly no stranger to the idea that being maligned can be a badge of honor.

But, this is an argument against naming a branch for any individual. There are Chinese FBI agents. There are even Chinese Republicans. And the Library is for everyone.

Item 3: Branch Library Improvement Program Schedule Changes

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Are we returning to a full three minutes for public comment? Thank you.

We should explain for the new commissioner that this is relative good news and that it is only recently that out-of-control delay has been brought down to a manageable scale.

At the Park Branch, the delay since the last set of revisions comes on top of the delays associated with design revisions and the 100th Anniversary of the branch, not including the original, original schedule.

Looking at the Bond Program Manager's Report from last time, every project had some minor delay. I want to place this in context for the commission that these are the most current delays that come on top of previous delays.

Yet this is relative good news, and it is good that the Library Commission is approving items like this.

Item 4: Bond Program Manager's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The citizens should have access to the graphics.

The red line in the Schedule Report for the current month now designates one year ago, making it look like there is more to come than there is. We are actually in the midst of our greatest level of branch closures.

The city is changing the way it collects developer fees, pushing them back as a quasi-simulative effect.

The administration is doing a fairly good job in the sense that the open hours of 1,040 are better than when fewer branches were closed. The legal standard is still 1,211 and we are a long way from meeting that goal, or realizing any savings.

No branch is more controversial than the North Beach Branch. Recent articles in the Chronicle have quoted a Friends' spokesperson regarding citizen support for the project.

Item 5: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Governor Schwarzenegger has announced that former City Librarian Dr. Kevin Starr will be inducted into the California Hall of Fame. His fellow inductees include, Barbra Streisand, Merle Haggard, and A.P. Giannini.

Regarding Michela Alioto-Pier's tax proposal, she continued it for a year, so that in her words, it would come up in November 2011. You may believe it is politically dead, but that is not what she said.

Regarding the budget, we are half a million worse off than we were last month, but at that point we were $1.6 million better off than we thought in February. Not a penny went to books and materials. This sends a message about the priority for service to the citizens.

The implication before the Supervisors was that we could have had some of that half million back for public service and we dropped the ball.

Item 6: Approval of the Minutes (June 3, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The reason why under Roberts' Rules of Order public bodies take approval of minutes first as part of old business is so that we can understand what has gone before.

I am on the horns of a dilemma because I don't want to discourage the recent improvement in the minutes, but I still have issues.

On page 6, I mentioned some wording omitted from Lonnie Chin's remarks in the previous minutes. These minutes reflect my suggestion. Even if the wording is not in the first minutes, it is on the historical record as part of my comments. That is the way it should work.

There is nothing about my comments regarding harassment of the public.

On page one, my comments about public funding being designed to promote democracy and rich people should not decide who is positive, have also been omitted.

Item 7: Approval of the Minutes (June 17, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Again, some significant issues, but the minutes are not as bad as in the past.

On page 1, the report due November 15, 2009, was the report to the Attorney General and conflating that with the report to the Commission obliterates the point.

The Attorney General report shows that the seven highest-paid staff of the Friends make each year what the library receives in a two-year period. That is what made everything else meaningful.

On page 3, what will be closely watched is the North Beach Branch and not the Chronicle.

Regarding the minutes, I stated that the fact that the commissioners are reading while the public is talking may seem like an insult but it is a very pale insult compared to what we are use to – if that is all you have, it is not much.

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1. General Public Comment
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. Resolution Honoring Former Commissioner Carlota Del Portillo **Action**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve resolution honoring former Library Commissioner Carlota Del Portillo).
Explanatory Document: Resolution

3. Bond Program Manager's Report **Discussion**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.) This report will consist of *informational presentations*: report from Planning Department on the Environmental Impact Report for the North Beach Public Library and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan Project; *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports:* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report; Library Commission Schedule Report; and Environmental Review Process Summary.

4. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Library Holiday Hours; and Public Safety.
Explanatory Document: Report on Public Safety.

5. Approval of the Minutes July 15, 2010 **Action**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

6. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 8/16/2010

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Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said that a candidate has been selected for the Bayview Branch but they have not sent out the award letter. She said the negative decrease of funds on some of the projects is due to an influx of Friends money into the projects.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, further explained the Friends funds going into the project.

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Jewelle Gomez said she attended the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting and the people who spoke supported the new library and were overwhelming opposed to the landmarking of the building. She said most of those speakers identified themselves as being from the North Beach community.

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Chinatown Branch had a water sprinkler valve burst over the weekend. He said it did some minor flooding and damage and that the Branch reopened on Tuesday morning. He thanked the staff for their great assistance on helping to get the branch open. He said part of the labor negotiations with employees included requiring them to take some furlough days. He said part of the agreement was to look at the holiday period as potential time for closures.

He said the Library will remain open December 27 through December 31. He said the Library however will be closed the day before Thanksgiving, November 24, 2010 to accommodate the furlough. He said several years ago the Commission agreed that Public Safety was a high priority for the Library. He said the Library has a partnership with the Police Department and the Department of Public Health.

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Ellen Egbert said she attends the Library Commission meetings because she reports back to the Council of Neighborhood Libraries. She said she has been very impressed with the library's security staff.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Hayon asked about whether the program with the social worker is unique to this library.

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Commissioner Kane asked about the Library's role with the Community Benefit District (CBD).

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they will be reporting back on the CBD at the next meeting. He said the Commission will be asked to take action on it sometime in the fall.

Commissioner Kane asked for more information on the security statistics.

Sgt. Patrick Kwan said the security statistics are based on in-house rules. He said there were less than 5 arrests during the fiscal year. He said there are a few branches that have higher incident rates.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said if there are problems at particular branches additional security staff is deployed to those branches.

Commissioner Breyer asked about sprinkler systems in the branches. He also asked for additional information on security at the branches. He asked about cameras in the branches. He said he would like a report back on the number of books missing or not returned.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said not many of the branches have sprinkler systems, but that it is code driven. He said they would report back with additional information on the number of incidents at the branches. He said they are looking at the capability of the network system of cameras for the branches. He said there are digital recordings at the Main Library. He said he would like to build on the partnerships with the Police Department, Department of Public Health and the Department of Public Works.

President Gomez said thank you to Sgt. Patrick Kwan and Leah Esguerra for all their hard work on behalf of the Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2010

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he is grateful that we now have letterhead with the Commissioners names. He said on page one it should say that the Library Commission ignored what the court said. He said not including that maintains the long tradition of denying what the court said. He said he had told a story under the Chinatown Branch renaming about Mark Him Lai being labeled a communist and the object of harassment from the FBI. He said that story was cleaned up and was not included in the record.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the minutes could be improved in a number of cases. He said on page six under public comment there is a serious misstatement of the cost of a trailer parked in front of a library for interim service. He said this could be corrected if it were to say ". . . approximately $9,000 a year to provide a trailer in front of a closed branch for interim patron service for a year."

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said he agreed that page 6 should be amended under Peter Warfield's remarks to read: "He said he has looked into providing temporary trailers and it would be approximately $9,000 to $10,000 a year to provide a trailer in front of closed branches for interim patron services.

President Gomez said the Minutes are not required to quote verbatim public comment. She said they are required to give a summation of what has been said.

Commissioner Munson said he would like to amend his previous comments to simply add the words "to provide" to the minutes on page 6.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Hayon to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010 to add the words "to provide" instead of "to park" under Peter Warfield's remarks on page 6..

Action: AYES 7-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to adjourn the regular meeting of August 19, 2010.

Action: Action: AYES 7-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Sue Blackman
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You laugh because you assume that I don't know you will always lie. I understand that very well.

A French aristocrat suggested that all rights flow from the right to the truth.

There is a causal relationship between your essential strategy that you can always lie, and the continual planning disasters.

First is "group think" – the tendency for a closed group to repel all outside opinions, defend its received wisdom as an enforcement of group cohesion.

Second is a psychological tendency to reject individual responsibility as in the legendary experiments where people torture or humiliate others rather than question authority.

Society, recognizing the danger of a self-serving minority and its contempt for truth, created a public sector with free speech and democratic institutions to protect everyone.

Your teacher said "you are only cheating yourselves" – and so you are.

Item 2: Resolution honoring Former Commissioner Carlota del Portillo

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The former commissioner's name includes Doctor del Portillo. She is a Ph.D.

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Educational institutions do the opposite, that is empower people by supporting people's sense of self worth and personal dignity

When Lonnie Chin left, she said, "If you are not giving money, I would say, shut up."

Can you imagine Dr. del Portillo saying that? No, of course not.

Dr. del Portillo once said that she respected everyone.

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Commissioner Munson had additional questions about the process and schedule for the EIR.

Michael Jacinto, Planning Department, clarified the EIR process and schedule.

Commissioner Ono had questions about the CM/CG process for Bayview. She also said that on the current budget report some of the projects show negative numbers.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said that a candidate has been selected for the Bayview Branch but they have not sent out the award letter. She said the negative decrease of funds on some of the projects is due to an influx of Friends money into the projects.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, further explained the Friends funds going into the project.

Commissioner Breyer asked if the Commission could get more insight on how the library is doing with respect to the timeline. He asked about solar panels on the branches and the cost benefit analysis.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said they would be happy to bring back an information report on the LEED status of the remaining projects.

Jewelle Gomez said she attended the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting and the people who spoke supported the new library and were overwhelming opposed to the landmarking of the building. She said most of those speakers identified themselves as being from the North Beach community.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Chinatown Branch had a water sprinkler valve burst over the weekend. He said it did some minor flooding and damage and that the Branch reopened on Tuesday morning. He thanked the staff for their great assistance on helping to get the branch open. He said part of the labor negotiations with employees included requiring them to take some furlough days. He said part of the agreement was to look at the holiday period as potential time for closures. He said the Library will remain open December 27 through December 31. He said the Library however will be closed the day before Thanksgiving, November 24, 2010 to accommodate the furlough. He said several years ago the Commission agreed that Public Safety was a high priority for the Library. He said the Library has a partnership with the Police Department and the Department of Public Health.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, gave a presentation on Public Safety. She said 2009/10 was the first year that the Library has had a social worker on staff for the entire year. She gave statistics and an overview of the program. She said there has been a great deal of media coverage about the collaboration. She said there has been a great deal of community response as well and they are now working with different agencies.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, continued the presentation on Security Resources. He thanked Sergeant Pat Kwan SFPD, Head of Security for all of his hard work. He gave security statistics for the Library.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said there were approximately 7 million visits to the library. He said in comparison the security statistics are miniscule. He said Roberto Lombardi is leading in our participation in a Community Benefit District (CBD). He said they will bring back the CBD issue to the Commission for further discussion.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, thanked the Team Members involved in the Public Safety program.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said that there is an innuendo in the public safety plan that the work with the dispossessed and the security problems overlap. He said he bets they don't. He said part of the tradition of librarianship is that we don't make assumptions based on social or class identifications. He said these are widespread social and national problems and have relatively little to do with the library as a library. He said a difficult patron does not mean politically difficult.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is uneasy about what he sees as a militarization of the library. He said he has not been happy with the "paratroop" look of security in the library.

Ellen Egbert said she attends the Library Commission meetings because she reports back to the Council of Neighborhood Libraries. She said she has been very impressed with the library's security staff.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Hayon asked about whether the program with the social worker is unique to this library.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, said we are the only library that has a social worker on staff. She said suspension of patrons depends on the length of the suspension. She said there is an appeal process for those who have been suspended.

Commissioner Kane asked about the Library's role with the Community Benefit District (CBD).

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they will be reporting back on the CBD at the next meeting. He said the Commission will be asked to take action on it sometime in the fall.

Commissioner Kane asked for more information on the security statistics.

Sgt. Patrick Kwan said the security statistics are based on in-house rules. He said there were less than 5 arrests during the fiscal year. He said there are a few branches that have higher incident rates.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said if there are problems at particular branches additional security staff is deployed to those branches.

Commissioner Breyer asked about sprinkler systems in the branches. He also asked for additional information on security at the branches. He asked about cameras in the branches. He said he would like a report back on the number of books missing or not returned.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said not many of the branches have sprinkler systems, but that it is code driven. He said they would report back with additional information on the number of incidents at the branches. He said they are looking at the capability of the network system of cameras for the branches. He said there are digital recordings at the Main Library. He said he would like to build on the partnerships with the Police Department, Department of Public Health and the Department of Public Works.

President Gomez said thank you to Sgt. Patrick Kwan and Leah Esguerra for all their hard work on behalf of the Library.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he is grateful that we now have letterhead with the Commissioners names. He said on page one it should say that the Library Commission ignored what the court said. He said not including that maintains the long tradition of denying what the court said. He said he had told a story under the Chinatown Branch renaming about Mark Him Lai being labeled a communist and the object of harassment from the FBI. He said that story was cleaned up and was not included in the record.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the minutes could be improved in a number of cases. He said on page six under public comment there is a serious misstatement of the cost of a trailer parked in front of a library for interim service. He said this could be corrected if it were to say ". . . approximately $9,000 a year to provide a trailer in front of a closed branch for interim patron service for a year."

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Munson said he agreed that page 6 should be amended under Peter Warfield's remarks to read: "He said he has looked into providing temporary trailers and

it would be approximately $9,000 to $10,000 a year to provide a trailer in front of closed branches for interim patron services.

President Gomez said the Minutes are not required to quote verbatim public comment. She said they are required to give a summation of what has been said.

Commissioner Munson said he would like to amend his previous comments to simply add the words "to provide" to the minutes on page 6.

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Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Hayon to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010 to add the words "to provide" instead of "to park" under Peter Warfield's remarks on page 6..

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Action: AYES 7-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

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There was no public comment on this item.

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Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to adjourn the regular meeting of August 19, 2010.

Action: Action: AYES 7-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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These summary statements are provided by the speaker: Their contents are neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the San Francisco Public Library Commission.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation

You laugh because you assume that I don't know you will always lie. I understand that very well.

A French aristocrat suggested that all rights flow from the right to the truth.

There is a causal relationship between your essential strategy that you can always lie, and the continual planning disasters.

First is "group think" – the tendency for a closed group to repel all outside opinions, defend its received wisdom as an enforcement of group cohesion.

Second is a psychological tendency to reject individual responsibility as in the legendary experiments where people torture or humiliate others rather than question authority.

Society, recognizing the danger of a self-serving minority and its contempt for truth, created a public sector with free speech and democratic institutions to protect everyone.

Your teacher said "you are only cheating yourselves" – and so you are.

Item 2: Resolution honoring Former Commissioner Carlota del Portillo

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The former commissioner's name includes Doctor del Portillo. She is a Ph.D.

One wonders why Dr. del Portillo is leaving us so soon. Historically a tenure of barely 2 years is very brief and now the majority only has one and a quarter years.

Dr. del Portillo comes from a tradition of educational professionals. The business values that this institution has learned from its private partners includes cut-throat competition, survival of the fittest and dis-empowering those outside of a closed select group. Donors pay to be part of a select group.

Educational institutions do the opposite, that is empower people by supporting people's sense of self worth and personal dignity

When Lonnie Chin left, she said, "If you are not giving money, I would say, shut up."

Can you imagine Dr. del Portillo saying that? No, of course not.

Dr. del Portillo once said that she respected everyone.

Item 3: Bond Program Manager's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the corporate rape of the public library – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

The red line in the schedule report indicates the current month (fixed from last time).

The schedule shows that there are five branches with further delays, but that is actually half of the branches still not opened.

Formerly the concern about delay was the increase in construction costs. Now the concern is lost service to the public. We are at the stage of maximum neighborhood branches being closed. This is not the maximum closed service hours so the administration can be commended for that.

I will be interested in the environmental impact report for the North Beach branch, and it is worth remembering that the lot in question was expected to be open space. So that is an environmental loss for those people.

Item 4: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

Is the HOT Team, the Homeless Outreach Team Team?

I have strong feelings, being a difficult patron myself. Should difficult patrons organize, and have bumper stickers that say, "Difficult patrons need love too."

The innuendo is that the work with the dispossessed and the security problems overlap. I bet they don't.

The tradition of librarianship says we don't make assumptions based on social or class identifications. Being poor or homeless does not mean that intellectual needs are not serious, curiosity is not valid, or use of the library is not as important as anyone else's because it is.

These are widespread social and national problems and we should make sure that people are being respected and that "difficult patron" does not mean "politically difficult."

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (July 15, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The letterhead now reflects the commissioners.

These minutes continue your tradition of sweeping honesty or controversy under the rug.

On page 1, it is the Commission and not the anonymous citizen that was required to consult with the City Attorney, and the denial of the court's ruling fits in with your long tradition of denying what the court said.

Regarding the Chinatown renaming, this is where I stated that the honoree, Mark Him Lai had been labeled a communist and the object of harassment from the FBI. You cleaned up that story, but it is not up to you to clean up what is intended to be part of the historical record.

Regarding the City Librarian's Report, it was Supervisor Alioto-Pier who had announced that the diversion of the Library Preservation Fund had been postponed for a year.

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A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, September 16, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Delivery Operations; Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD); Summer Reading and Highlights of Exhibitions and Programming.
Explanatory Documents: Report on Summer Reading Program; and CBD Timeline.

3. Library Citizen's Advisory Committee (LCAC) Annual Report
Discussion
(This item is to allow the Board of Supervisor's LCAC to present their annual report.)

4. Bond Program Manager's Report **Discussion**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.) This report will consist of *informational presentations*: *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports:* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report and Library Commission Schedule Report.

5. Approval of the Minutes August 19, 2010 **Action**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2010)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

6. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 9/13/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2010

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 16 19, 2010, at the Chinatown Branch Library

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Nguyen

Commissioners Ono and Hayon entered the meeting at 4:35 pm.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

An anonymous citizen said one of the principles of libraries is that history matters. He said there have been many scandals in the history of the library but the fundamental scandal is the privatization scandal which mandates there can't be honesty, decency or justice, because it might interfere with fund-raising. He said a handful of individuals who are more important than the truth are not just the enemy of democracy, it is the enemy of everything that benefits the society as a whole.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said it is sometimes rather sad to know that the Park Library's historic value will be greatly diminished. He said the library has lacked respect of its history with its pursuit to demolish the North Beach Branch and its demolition of the Ortega Branch library. Destruction of the past should be added as one of the scandals of the library.

Anne Wintroub, Friends of the Library, invited the Commissioners to visit the Readers Café at Fort Mason Center adjacent to the Book Bay Bookstore with all proceeds benefiting the library. She said the Big Book Sale begins Tuesday September 21 and will have over 500,000 books and she invited everyone to attend.

Sue Cauthen said there have been some newspaper articles recently about the North Beach Branch Library. She said one article in the Chronicle was written by the head of Architectural Heritage and a woman for the National Trust for Historic Preservation supporting the landmarking of the branch. She said they have looked into some of the reasons why

the Chronicle in general has been so negative about the landmarking. She said the Chronicle owns 41 properties in San Francisco and 29 are commercial properties of historic value.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said there are times when he has sensed a sort of hostility towards certain people making public comment. He said he recommends that the Commissioners go back and look at the Constitution as it relates to public speech. He said on at least three occasions the City Librarian has made public comment. He said he thinks it is inappropriate because he is not a member of the public. He said upstairs in the lobby there are books for sale and a number of those are advanced reading copies and they state not for resale so it is illegal to sell those books.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said over the last 8-9 months staff has been engaged in looking at streamlining in certain areas. He said today we would like to report on Delivery Operations.

Robert Lombardi, Facilities Director, and management liaison to the Area Focus Team on Delivery Operation said the charge of the group was to increase efficiencies in the delivery stream.

Terry Gwiazdowski, North East District Manager, and Chair of the Area Focus Team said materials are sorted and moved by people on vehicles. She said these materials include new materials, reserved materials and Link+ materials. She said the items are being sent back and forth because they are sent to one location but owned by another. She said in the last three years circulation has increased by 30%, holds have increased by 40% and Link+ over 300%. She said the committee wanted to reduce the delivery stream and their recommendation was to incorporate downstream deliveries into the routes. She described the additional recommendations and implementation process.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said they did not go into a lot of detail on Delivery Operations but the bottom line is we want to improve and expedite service to the public. He said other members of the team are also present if you have additional questions. He said he would like to give the Commission some background on the Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD) and then bring the item back at the next meeting for action on the item. He said it will require Commission approval in terms of the Library's participation in the CBD.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the CBD is a proposed special assessment district. He said the goal of the CBD is to improve coordination and communication around the management, image, safety, beautification and cleanliness of the greater Civic Center area. He said the 25 member Steering Committee has held nine meetings with property owners since May 2009. He said based on the feedback received the Steering Committee on August 4, 2010 unanimously voted to select an

assessment formula and to move forward with the establishment of a District. This marked the end of the investigative phase and is the beginning of the formation stage. He described the zones in the CBD and the services the CBD will provide. He said the general timeline shows that the Commission will take action on a resolution of support on October 7. On October 12, 2010 a Resolution of intent with final documents will go to the Board of Supervisors with the final hearing at the Board on December 14, 2010. If approved, the formation of the District would begin July 1, 2011. He said the proposed annual operating budget is $743,970 and the Library's portion of that is $21,397.01. He said that is approximately 2.19% of the overall budget. He said he believes the assessment is a very fair formula. He said future budgets are capped by law at 3%.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services, gave a presentation on the Summer Reading Program. She said that Summer Reading Matters and helps to stop summer learning loss and summer brain drain. She said the Children's Summer Read program was Water Your Imagination and she went over the highlights and the weekly special programs. She said the Kid Power program was for students 10 – 15 years of age. She said 630 kids volunteered and the number of hours volunteered was 7,563. She said the theme for Teen Summer Read program was Go with the Flow. She said 861 teens registered and 170 teens attended a teen summer reading party. She said the Library continues to work with schools and other organizations to make summer learning a community wide, inter-agency priority. She said none of this would be possible without the support of the Friends of the Library.

Terry Carlson, Manager Richmond Branch, said this is the first year the Library has had an Adult Summer Reading program. She said there are no prizes for the adult reading program. She said there are many types of programming at the Main and the branches. She gave the statistics and said there were 4057 books read and 1253 people attended programs. She said the Bayside (East) won the challenge between the Oceanside and the Bayside libraries.

Michelle Jeffers, Public Relations Officer, said the One City One Book Selection this year is Zeitoun by Dave Eggers. She said there are 30 programs this month and next. She said the main event: Dave Eggers in conversation with Beth Lisick will be Thursday, October 14 in the Koret. She said there are a number of sponsors for the program. She said the second annual Tricycle Music Fest West is coming up in October. She said Read for the Record will be on October 7.

Lisa Vestal, Chief Curator, said there are many upcoming exhibits in the Library including Singgallot (The Ties that Bind) in the Jewett Gallery. She said there are related displays in the African American and Filipino American center and the Filipino American Center. She said there have already been seven related programs and three more will take place in October. She said another wonderful exhibit will be opening on Saturday in the Skylight Gallery and the Hormel Center. She said it is Celebrating

Fabulous/Activist Bay Area Lesbians with Disabilities a 40 Year Retrospective and will run through November 21, 2010.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said the agenda item lists four specific topics. He said that specificity is there because of one of his lawsuits. He said the City Librarian has tried to bypass the requirements in the past by using "public comment". He said the City Librarian is a policy officer and the public has a right to notice of topics for discussion. He asked about future deliberations and discussion by the Commission and said that those should be made public. He said with respect to the Community Benefit District the word stakeholder was used, and this is another example of the gated community syndrome.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the update on Delivery Operations sounds like a radical change to the whole delivery process and that was not reflected on the agenda. He said where is the respect for the completeness of the collection for a magazine run. He said it sounds like a radical change. He said this should be further described and discussed as a separate agenda item. He said the CBD has serious question marks. He said the costs should be documented.

Ray Hartz, San Francisco Open Government, said very often a lot of technical jargon is used and the language should be clear for the public to understand. He said he has not heard how the Library will benefit from the CBD. He said the report on the Summer Reading Program was beneficial.

Melissa Riley said she is a librarian and on the Executive Board of the Union for the library. She said the Adult Summer Reading Program was great and there was a party. She said it was great hearing about the special programs and exhibits and it would be nice if the library shared with you some of the greatest reference questions some of the librarians receive. She said the Union members and the Board will want to hear more about the CBD.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Ono asked if the cost of the Delivery Operations recommendations is provided for in the current budget or will they be part of next year's budget.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said there are short term recommendations that are not incurring any costs. He said there are long term recommendations that have to be further analyzed.

Commissioner Ono asked if there are more recent studies on summer reading programs.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services said they will report back on current studies.

Commissioner Ono said that the cost of the Community Benefit District (CBD) will be included in next year's budget.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the Board of Supervisors have the right to vote for the Library on the CBD but they very much would like to hear from the Library. He said it will be brought back to the Commission at the October 7 meeting for action.

Commissioner Munson said it is useful for the staff to bring to the Commission information prior to the time action is requested.

Commissioner Breyer said it would be helpful to get information ahead of time on technical items such as delivery operations. He asked for further clarification on several issues relating to the program.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the goal of downstream delivery is to get materials to patrons more quickly.

Terry Gwiazdowski, North East District Manager, said the idea of having a branch sorting machine would make it easier to move materials around more quickly. She said there is not currently the space or the money to have the sorting machines at the branches. She said the circulation numbers are the items circulating around.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said we will continue to report back to the Commission on operations processes.

Commissioner Hayon said in general she supports Community Benefit Districts (CBD). She said she would like to hear the specific advantages to the Library from the CBD.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they will bring back additional information on the CBD at the next meeting when action will be taken.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services, responded to a question from Commissioner Breyer and said they are looking at ways to expand the Kids Power volunteer program to a year round program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 LIBRARY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCAC) ANNUAL REPORT

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they have been asked to table this item to a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said this month there will be the regular budget and schedule reports. She said this month's budget report

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The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson and Nguyen

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Commissioners Ono and Hayon entered the meeting at 4:35 pm.

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Anne Wintroub, Friends of the Library, invited the Commissioners to visit the Readers Café at Fort Mason Center adjacent to the Book Bay Bookstore with all proceeds

benefiting the library. She said the Big Book Sale begins Tuesday September 21 and will have over 500,000 books and she invited everyone to attend.

Sue Cauthen said there have been some newspaper articles recently about the North Beach Branch Library. She said one article in the Chronicle was written by the head of Architectural Heritage and a woman for the National Trust for Historic Preservation supporting the landmarking of the branch. She said they have looked into some of the reasons why the Chronicle in general has been so negative about the landmarking. She said the Chronicle owns 41 properties in San Francisco and 29 are commercial properties of historic value.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said there are times when he has sensed a sort of hostility towards certain people making public comment. He said he recommends that the Commissioners go back and look at the Constitution as it relates to public speech. He said on at least three occasions the City Librarian has made public comment. He said he thinks it is inappropriate because he is not a member of the public. He said upstairs in the lobby there are books for sale and a number of those are advanced reading copies and they state not for resale so it is illegal to sell those books.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said over the last 8-9 months staff has been engaged in looking at streamlining in certain areas. He said today we would like to report on Delivery Operations.

Robert Lombardi, Facilities Director, and management liaison to the Area Focus Team on Delivery Operation said the charge of the group was to increase efficiencies in the delivery stream.

Terry Gwiazdowski, North East District Manager, and Chair of the Area Focus Team said materials are sorted and moved by people on vehicles. She said these materials include new materials, reserved materials and Link+ materials. She said the items are being sent back and forth because they are sent to one location but owned by another. She said in the last three years circulation has increased by 30%, holds have increased by 40% and Link+ over 300%. She said the committee wanted to reduce the delivery stream and their recommendation was to incorporate downstream deliveries into the routes. She described the additional recommendations and implementation process.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said they did not go into a lot of detail on Delivery Operations

but the bottom line is we want to improve and expedite service to the public. He said other members of the team are also present if you have additional questions. He said he would like to give the Commission some background on the Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD) and then bring the item back at the next meeting for action on the item. He said it will require Commission approval in terms of the Library's participation in the CBD.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the CBD is a proposed special assessment district. He said the goal of the CBD is to improve coordination and communication around the management, image, safety, beautification and cleanliness of the greater Civic Center area. He said the 25 member Steering Committee has held nine meetings with property owners since May 2009. He said based on the feedback received the Steering Committee on August 4, 2010 unanimously voted to select an assessment formula and to move forward with the establishment of a District. This marked the end of the investigative phase and is the beginning of the formation stage. He described the zones in the CBD and the services the CBD will provide. He said the general timeline shows that the Commission will take action on a resolution of support on October 7. On October 12, 2010 a Resolution of intent with final documents will go to the Board of Supervisors with the final hearing at the Board on December 14, 2010. If approved, the formation of the District would begin July 1, 2011. He said the proposed annual operating budget is $743,970 and the Library's portion of that is $21,397.01. He said that is approximately 2.19% of the overall budget. He said he believes the assessment is a very fair formula. He said future budgets are capped by law at 3%.

Toni Bernardi, Chief of Children and Youth Services, gave a presentation on the Summer Reading Program. She said that Summer Reading Matters and helps to stop summer learning loss and summer brain drain. She said the Children's Summer Read program was Water Your Imagination and she went over the highlights and the weekly special programs. She said the Kid Power program was for students 10 – 15 years of age. She said 630 kids volunteered and the number of hours volunteered was 7,563. She said the theme for Teen Summer Read program was Go with the Flow. She said 861 teens registered and 170 teens attended a teen summer reading party. She said the Library continues to work with schools and other organizations to make summer learning a community wide, inter-agency priority. She said none of this would be possible without the support of the Friends of the Library.

Terry Carlson, Manager Richmond Branch, said this is the first year the Library has had an Adult Summer Reading program. She said there are no prizes for the adult reading program. She said there are many types of programming at the Main and the branches. She gave the statistics and said there were 4057 books read and 1253 people attended programs. She said the Bayside (East) won the challenge between the Oceanside and the Bayside libraries.

Michelle Jeffers, Public Relations Officer, said the One City One Book Selection this year is Zeitoun by Dave Eggers. She said there are 30 programs this month and next. She said the main event: Dave Eggers in conversation with Beth Lisick will be Thursday,

October 14 in the Koret. She said there are a number of sponsors for the program. She said the second annual Tricycle Music Fest West is coming up in October. She said Read for the Record will be on October 7.

Lisa Vestal, Chief Curator, said there are many upcoming exhibits in the Library including Singgallot (The Ties that Bind) in the Jewett Gallery. She said there are related displays in the African American and Filipino American center and the Filipino American Center. She said there have already been seven related programs and three more will take place in October. She said another wonderful exhibit will be opening on Saturday in the Skylight Gallery and the Hormel Center. She said it is Celebrating Fabulous/Activist Bay Area Lesbians with Disabilities a 40 Year Retrospective and will run through November 21, 2010.

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Commission Discussion

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DATE: **Thursday, October 7, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD) **Discussion/Action**
(Discussion and possible action on the proposed special assessment district for Civic Center.)
Explanatory Document: CBD overview; Draft Resolution Endorsing Proposed Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD) and Urging Board of Supervisors to approve City Participation.

3. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**
(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Recognition of Vivian Pisano's Retirement; Trends in Library Use and Performance Measures; and Reference Services Area Focus Team.
Explanatory Documents: Memo from City Librarian dated October 4, 2010 on Trends in Library Use and Performance Measures 2009-2010; Performance Measures Report; Reference Services Area Focus Team presentation; and four articles from periodicals related to Reference Services.

4. Library Citizen's Advisory Committee (LCAC) Annual Report
Discussion
(This item is to allow the Board of Supervisor's LCAC to present their annual report.)

5. Labor Union Report **Discussion**
(This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

6. Approval of the Minutes September 16, 2010 **Action**
(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2010.)
Explanatory document: draft minutes.

7. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 10/4/2010

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Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary 03/29/07

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 7, 2010

(Approved as amended at the November 4, 2010 regular meeting)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Munson, and Nguyen

Commissioner Kane arrive at 4:53 pm

Commissioners excused: Hayon and Ono

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said he considers his engagement with the Library as an attempt to investigate evil. He said the nature of evil is that you think you are good people. He said what he sees as barriers and obstacles you think are necessary to separate yourselves from the rest of us. He said it is the truth you are suppressing.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the library has unfortunately been demonstrating a rather poor respect for its public and its users. He said there is appallingly bad signage at the branches that are closed with respect to notifying patrons of alternate service.

Ray Hartz, San Francisco Open Government Director, said that most of you are

respectful during public comment; however, the President seems to avoid eye contact and sends a message to the public that public comment is not important. He said he has had a hard time trying to decide whether to use the word hubris or arrogance and he said arrogance is winning out. His said his primary purpose at these meetings is to make sure public comment is fairly heard by the Commission.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY BENEFIT DISTRICT (CBD)

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said at the last meeting they made a presentation on the CBD and they were back at this meeting to ask the Commission to endorse the CBD and to urge the Board of Supervisors to approve City participation.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said he was here to provide information and respond to any questions the Commission may have. He said Jim Chappell, who has a lot of experience with community benefit districts in the City is also here and available to answer any questions. He showed a map of the CBD. He said the services will be daily cleaning and maintenance; ambassador patrols in daytime with special event patrols in Civic Center; beautification such as signage, lighting, streetscaping and greening; public space and sidewalk activities and advocacy for improvements in Civic Center. He said the next step is for the Library Commission to approve a resolution endorsing the proposed Civic Center Community Benefit District. He said currently the ballots of the property owners are expected to be counted at the December 14, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Jim Chappell said he had led San Francisco Planning + Urban Research Association (SPUR) for 15 years. He said he is on the Board of Directors for the Union Square Business Improvement District (BID). He said that has been operating very successfully for more than a dozen years. He said he is on the Board of Directors of that District. He said when SPUR moved to their Mission Street site they immediately went to work to form the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District, which has now been in operation a little over a year. He said a key part of these districts is the ambassadors who walk around the districts.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said that we should not give money to the Civic Center Community Benefit District. He said the terms stakeholders and ambassadors are used. He said this is an admission of defeat. He said Supervisor Elsbernd asked how this is cost effective if the main stakeholders are governmental agencies. He said you should be accountable, as the public's representatives.

Cathy Bremer, Chief Steward of the Library Chapter SEIU Local 1021 introduced Maki Matsumura, and said the Union believes that the Library is part of the commons, which should be free and available to everyone. She said the Civic Center is the responsibility of the City to take care of. She said they see this as a direct violation of their contract because you will be hiring people at minimum wage. She said this is undercutting union workers. She asked that the Commission not support this CBD and to take a step back and look at it again.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he agrees with the previous two speakers. He said this is an attitude of sweeping away trash and certain individuals. He said it is an ugly attitude. He said there is nothing that explains how the CBD is going to be governed.

Ray Hartz, San Francisco Open Government Director, said you are going to pay another $20,000 a year to provide services that the City is already responsible for providing now. He said he would like to see something that shows the actual difference between what is being provided now and what would be provided under the CBD.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson asked if it would be possible to get a comparison of what services will be provided under the CBD compared to what is currently provided.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said the Library will continue to maintain its own resources for security or custodial services. He said there will be no cuts to library staff for these services.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the CBD will do a current assessment of the services are provided and work to insure that those services are still provided. He said the CBD serves as an enhancement not a replacement.

Commissioner Breyer said we just heard that the Unions are concerned about replacement of employees and what the wages would be for the employees of the CBD.

Jim Chappell said the workers would come through a City funded nonprofit social service agency that trains formerly homeless and unemployed people for these jobs.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said part of the service of the CBD is to help people get the services they need.

President Gomez said this program was very successful with the beautification of providing services in the Mission.

Commissioner Breyer asked if it is possible to use City employees to provide some of the services.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there are currently City employees providing some of these services. He said this is an enhancement program.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said that about 43% of the participation is through government agencies.

Commissioner Kane asked about where it fits into the budget and confirmed that there will be no termination of any library employee. He said these services do not get done without CBDs and they do make a difference. He said his wife's sister works for the company that prepared the report, but he has checked with the City Attorney and there is no conflict so he just wanted to make full disclosure.

Commission Nguyen said he would like to know more about how the employees would be hired.

Jim Chappell said that the CBD will be run by a Board of Directors and they will be subject to the Brown Act.

Commissioner Breyer asked if there is a way to structure the CBD differently in order to utilize city employees.

Roberto Lombardi said that the government agencies will be part of the Board of Directors.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the $20,000 and where that money would come from.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director said that will all be part of next year's budget process.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the possibility of continuing the item so that he could get more information about the Union's concerns.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said this could be continued if the Commission feels there is not enough information. He said the timeline is moving forward to the Board of Supervisors, so if it is continued the Board might not have the Commission's input into the matter.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the Commission would be recommending to the Board an action. He said there are two small typos in the Resolution. He said in paragraph three the word San Francisco is repeated so one of those needs to be removed. He said in the fourth paragraph the first line should read "WHERAS, the Civic Center Community Benefit District Steering Committee. . ." with the word Benefit being added.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Kane to approve the Resolution endorsing the proposed Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD) and urging the Board of Supervisors to approve City participation as amended as outlined above.

Action: AYES 4: (Gomez, Kane, Munson, and Nguyen). NAY 1: (Breyer)

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said Vivian Pisano, Chief of Information and Technology, will be retiring. He said Vivian has been a long standing professional for more than 25 years contributing to the Library profession. He said for the last 10 years she has been the Chief of Information Technology. She has been instrumental in our web design, and has been very active on the Committee of Resource and Technology among many other contributions.

President Gomez gave Vivian Pisano a commendation from the Library Commission and thanked Vivian for helping her transition into the 21st century.

Vivian Pisano said thank you for the recognition and she said it has been great to be part of Information Technology.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said Brian Bannon has been asked to take over the duties of Interim Chief of Information Technology. He said Brian has done a wonderful job as Chief of Branches for the last four years. He said Brian will continue to be engaged in the BLIP program but Martha Neves, who has been working for the library for 39 years and has worked her way through the ranks, will be serving as Interim Chief of Branches. He said the next item under the City Librarian's report is the Trends in Library Use and Performance Measures 2009-2010. He said they will be presenting Trends in Service, Programs and Outreach. Other trends will be reported on at later Commission dates.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave the presentation on Trends in Library Use on Services, Programs and Outreach. She explained performance measures in general and how they are determined. She said maintaining library open hours is a top priority. She said library visits continue to climb. She said library card registration is up. She reported on the number of questions answered annually and the types of questions answered. She said patron satisfaction is measured through a continual online survey. She said attendance at public programs for adults have increased. She gave examples of Adult Summer Reading programs. She said programs (literary, cultural and recreational) for preschool through middle school have also increased. She said programs and activities for teens (literary, cultural and recreational) have increased dramatically. She said school support through class visits and instruction have slightly increased. She explained the support for early literacy through "Every Child Ready to Read" program. She said youth outreach through community events reached 13,418 children and teens at 252 outreach events. She explained the mobile outreach services unit (bookmobiles) events.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the next report would be on the Reference Services Area Focus Team.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, introduced Mark Hall, who chaired the Reference Services Area Focus Team.

Mark Hall, Acting Fourth Floor Manager, said reference is changing because people are changing. He said how people communicate is changing.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, said the Reference Team considered key questions that need to be addressed.

Mark Hall, Acting Fourth Floor Manager explained the approach to answering the key questions including surveys, reviewing available literature for best practices, synthesized information and made recommendations. He said after staff and administration feedback and adjustment recommendations were finalized.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, said the Team made recommendations relating to reference staffing and standards and reference coordination.

Mark Hall presented a Work Plan for 2010-11 for the Reference Team.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said the legal minimum is 1240 branch hours under the Library Preservation Fund. He said in 2005, citizens in a survey said they would like to see additional hours in nearby branches, not bookmobiles. He said one of the things that was supposed to be part of the performance measures was to have benchmarking and comparison with other jurisdictions. He said regarding reference measures, the library needs to be advocates for quality.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he keeps hearing that maintaining library hours is a top priority. He said for this library it is not a top priority. He said there are

five branches completely closed and only five to eight hours of bookmobile service for those branches. He said there are rentals available for as little as $30,000 a year for interim service while the Park Branch is closed. He said construction is a priority for this library branch hours are not. He said he is disappointed the library does not stick to its strengths.

Ray Hartz, San Francisco Open Government Director, said he was a Human Resource Management Specialist in the Navy. He said he is curious about how the questions in the surveys are worded and how they are collected. He said he is interested in what are the limitations and problems in the adaptation of changes in technology to library employees.

Commission Discussion

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Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian responded to a question from Commissioner Kane about the survey. She said they have broken up the responses into specific areas and they tried to break it up by the highest priorities. She said what they are presenting at this meeting is performance measures.

Commissioner Kane said the Reference Report is important and the collections are sort of the guts of the library. He asked about the computer corps and how that will work.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, said the computer corps will be staff members who volunteer to be trained a little more on software and will be out on the floor helping patrons with the computers. She said we receive approximately 500 requests for information by email, about 400 through Instant Messaging, and 300+ through chat.

Commissioner Breyer said quality staff assistance at the branches went up but it did not go up at the Main and he wondered if we knew why that was.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said there is a 6 increase in the branches and a .4 decrease at the Main in quality of staff assistance.

There was a discussion about the increase in Children's Outreach and Programming in previous years and it had to do with the introduction of "Every Child Ready to Read."

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, responded to Commissioner Breyer's comments about Instant Messaging and texting and what the Library is doing to implement this.

President Gomez said that most new branches include a teen area.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said we are looking at expanding the teen area in the Main Library. She said we are also looking at a smart phone application for catalog access. She said the web hits have increased in part because we have a new website and the entire website is translated in Spanish and Chinese. She said the library does meet the hours designated in the City Charter and the Library Preservation Fund.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 LIBRARY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCAC) ANNUAL REPORT

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This item was trailed by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. LABOR UNION REPORT

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There was no Labor Union Report at this meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said under Item one his point was that lies and ridicule are what privatization pays for to undermine democracy. He said the idea behind the promise of

the Sunshine Ordinance to include the citizen's comments in the minutes so that he can represent himself. He said on page four, the reference to "questioning the future" was actually an accusation that the City Librarian was proposing a Sunshine violation and that was not reflected in the minutes. He said on page seven where Ray Hartz quotes the Sunshine Ordinance regarding citizen summaries, neither the written comments, the extemporaneous comments, nor the fact that a summary was supplied is referenced.

Peter Warfield said on page one his comments regarding the Park Branch were not reflected accurately. He said what he meant was the Park Branch's design is what is going to diminish the Park Branch's historic value. He said on page four under the City Librarian's Report his comments were not reflected accurately He said the delivery process impacts collection maintenance. He said that needs to be corrected.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said he is concerned about the arrangement of the minutes. He wondered why the comments from the public are submitted at the end of the minutes after the Commission Secretary's signature.

Commission Discussion

Sue Blackman, Commission Secretary, said that the City Attorney has directed us to include comments submitted by the public with the minutes and that they do not have to be included in the body of the minutes.

Commissioner Kane said the Commission approves what our staff has prepared as the Commission Minutes. The Commission does not approve what is submitted by the public.

Commissioner Munson said we are confirming what the City Attorney has recommended to us by preparing the Minutes in this way.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2010.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Breyer, Kane, Munson, and Nguyen).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said generally public comment for adjournment is used when the meeting is being adjourned in honor of someone.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Breyer to adjourn the regular meeting of October 7, 2010.

Action: AYES 4-0: (Breyer, Kane, Munson, and Nguyen).

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Library Commission Meeting of October 7, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation

New commissioners assume "hate and ignorance" is exaggeration. I consider my engagement with the San Francisco Public Library an investigation into the nature of evil.

You think you are "good people" and what I call "hate and ignorance" you consider the necessary barriers to others who are not you. Exclusiveness only has value if everyone is aware of it.

You create barriers to process, to democracy. Eventually you are suppressing the truth which leads to scandals and planning disasters.

This is the mechanism by which the poor are disenfranchised. Gratitude to the rich for their philanthropy is overrated.

This country is founded on equality and respect for the individual. People will pay money or get themselves on the Library Commission to prove that democracy is a farce.

We have publicly funded institutions to protect ourselves from ignorance, and from hate.

Item 2: Civic Center Community Benefit District (CBD)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

And don't give money to this Civic Center improvement district.

Mr. Lombardi appeared before a supervisors' committee and spoke of the library's excitement and its interest in partnerships that produce synergies. In City Hall jargon,

"excitement" means going to lunch with new people, and "partnerships" means someone else pays for lunch.

These are subtle terms, "stakeholders" and "ambassadors." You have had "ambassadors" in the past try to prevent me from coming to Library Commission meetings. Will they be successful now that I am older and grayer? That is what we are talking about.

This is an admission of defeat. Supervisor Elsbernd asked the salient questions. How is this cost effective if the main stakeholders are governmental agencies? And, why should tax dollars go to an outside organization?

"Ambassadors" are less accountable. You should be accountable, as the public's representatives.

Item 3: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

You made a goal of providing 1240 branch hours, without mentioning that this is the legal minimum under the Library Preservation Fund. No one told the voters that this minimum would be ignored as part of the Branch Library Improvement Program.

A part of the Library Preservation Fund was a survey of what people want. When asked in 2005, the citizens stated that they wanted additional hours in nearby branches, not bookmobiles.

A few years ago Supervisor Peskin asked some pointed questions about performance measures and the issue got buried.

The understanding in performance measures was that there would be benchmarking and comparison with other jurisdictions so that the citizens could know how good San Francisco service was.

Regarding reference measures, you have to be advocates for quality.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (September 16, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

I used to begin with: those who cannot eat or drink, salute you.

Regarding Item one, the point was that lies and ridicule are what privatization pays for to undermine democracy.

The purpose of citizen summaries is so that a citizen can represent himself in the minutes rather than have you represent him.

On Page four, the reference to "questioning the future" was actually an accusation that the City Librarian was proposing a Sunshine violation.

The piece de resistance is Page seven where Ray Hartz quotes the Sunshine Ordinance regarding citizen summaries. That was only the introduction. Mr. Hartz read written comments, then spoke extemporaneously regarding the Commission's disrespect for minutes and quoted President Truman about, if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Neither the written comments, the extemporaneous comments, nor the fact that a summary was supplied is referenced here.

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Notice of Meeting

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, October 21, 2010**
TIME: **4:30 PM**
PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

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1. General Public Comment
(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. Branch Library Improvement Program Schedule Change **Discussion/Action**
(Discussion and possible action to approve changes to the forecast project schedule for the following Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) project: Visitacion Valley.)

Explanatory document: Memorandum to Commission from City Librarian dated October 15,, 2010.

3. Bond Program Manager's Report **Discussion**
(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.)
This report will consist of *informational presentations:* LEED update; *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports:* none.
Explanatory documents: Current Budget Report and Library Commission Schedule Report.

4. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 10/18/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2010

(Approved as amended at the regular meeting of December 2, 2010).

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Munson, Nguyen and Ono.

Commissioner excused: Gomez

Commissioner Hayon entered the meeting at 4:37 pm

Commissioner Kane entered the meeting at 4:54 pm.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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Michelle Jeffers, San Francisco Public Library (SFPL), said that yesterday WritersCorp a joint project of the SFPL and the Arts Commission received the 2010 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. She said WritersCorp was chosen from a pool of more than 400 nominations.

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An anonymous citizen said the President of the Library Commission violated someone's right to public comment on June 4, 2009. He said the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force determined that it was a "willful violation." He said the Commission ratified the violation by reelecting that person for another term as president. (See attached 150 word

statement submitted by the speaker).

Ted Bamberger, member Library Citizens Advisory Committee (LCAC) said he was elected as President of the LCAC at their meeting the night before. He said Lucille Cuttler was elected Vice-President and Clarice Moody was elected Secretary.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there is a context of library lawlessness if not unlawfulness. He said he has brought many cases of the library's failure to uphold the Sunshine Ordinance to the Task Force and they have found in his favor a majority of the time. He said the library has withheld documents and violated open meeting laws and there has never been an apology or a statement from this Commission about these actions.

Ray Hartz, Director, San Francisco Open Government, said the Library Commission does not follow the Sunshine Ordinance and the Commission should not represent that it does. He said the discussion of the Community Benefit District (CBD) at the last meeting was a complete sham. He said he could not see one benefit from the CBD for the Main Library.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE CHANGE

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a memo before the Commission dated October 15, 2010 describing the schedule change for the Visitacion Valley Branch.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave a presentation on the proposed schedule change for the Visitacion Valley Branch. She said the approved schedule shows opening of the branch in November, 2010 and the new forecast is to open June, 2011. She said the reasons for the delay include adverse weather; unforeseen conditions and code compliance; fire sprinkling system and window design; complex framing; clay tile roof installment; and the radiant heating system. She said they do not expect that the net effect of these delays will result in any increase to the project budget.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said this is a situation where the current schedule says that the branch is supposed to be open now. He said schedule changes are to be brought to the

Commission in a timely manner. He said the reasons for the delay do not look sequential to him. (See attached 150 word summary submitted by the speaker).

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said as a former supervisor and trainer of supervisors one of the most important things to realize is that when there is a delay in something you need to let your supervisor know as soon as possible. He said the Commission is responsible for supervising this construction and it is a badly managed project.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said that in December, 2008 an opening date of November, 2010 was approved for this branch. Now the Commission is being asked to approve a schedule change for an additional seven months. He said the reasons for the delay seem to be some things that might have been anticipated.

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Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane asked about liquidated damages for the delay and said he would like to have a response from the City Attorney's office on who is responsible for any delays if there is an increase in the budget of the project.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said DPW has been assessing this closely and right now it appears that the delays are the City's responsibility.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said it appears that costs of the delay are split evenly between the contractor and the City.

Brian Wong, Construction Manager for the Visitacion Valley project, said the cost of weather delays falls on both parties. He said there have been scheduling problems and they are doing everything they can to accelerate the project. He said there are contingencies for delays and the project is still within those contingencies.

Commissioner Kane said we need rational reasons for delays.

Commission Breyer said he wasn't completely clear about the City's responsibilities for the delays.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said rain delays are on the City. She said any kind of change order, change in scope, or change of site conditions, are all on the City.

Commissioner Munson said in the future it would be helpful to have a table to explain the delays more fully.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they are very confident that this new date is a solid date.

Commissioner Hayon said it would be helpful to hear in lay terms what exactly some of the complexities are for future projects.

Andy Maloney, the architect on the project, said the complexity of the central octagon space has contributed to the delay of the project and the fact that we gave the contractors a very aggressive schedule for completion of the project. He said the contractor has never compromised on quality or looked for excuses in the project.

Commissioner Nguyen asked about the communication to the community on the delay.

Mindy Linetzky, Planning and Outreach, said the Fact Sheets and the website for the project have been changed to say that the opening would be summer next year.

Motion: By Commissioner Hayon, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to approve the change to the schedule for the Visitacion Valley Branch Library with a new opening date for the project of June 2011.

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Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

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Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said this month there will be the regular, budget and schedule reports. She said there will also be an informational presentation on LEED and Sustainable Design. She said there is a new quarterly report out from July – September. She said this month's budget report shows the approved budget as $188,910,119. She said the Bayview Branch is in the Award process and the North Beach Branch is in the EIR/Design Development phase. She said eight branches are in construction. She said they are working closely with the contractors and they will report back to the Commission by the end of the year to update the opening dates for each project. She showed photographs and gave reports on projects in construction including: Parkside; Park; Presidio; Merced; Anza; Visitacion Valley; and Golden Gate Valley. She said the construction contract was awarded to Liberty Builders for the Bayview Branch on August 31, 2010. She said they are awaiting documentation from Liberty Builders before we can certify the contract. She said the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the North Beach Branch Library was published on August 25, 2010. She said the Planning Commission hearing was held on October 7 and the comments on the DEIR were due on October 12. She said the Planning Commission will hold a hearing next year to certify the EIR. She said the Historic Preservation Commission recommended landmarking the building and the next step will be the Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors on November 1 and subsequently at the full Board.

She said the Parkside Grand Reopening will be held November 6, 2010.

Samuel Chiu, Department of Public Works, said he was happy to give an update to the Commission on LEED and Sustainable Design for the Branch Library Improvement Program projects. He said LEED stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design. He said the final 10 projects of the BLIP starting with the Parkside Branch will be LEED Silver or better. He said LEED recognizes performance in five key areas. He said those areas are Water Efficiency; Sustainable Sites; Materials and Resources; Indoor Environmental Quality; and Energy and Atmosphere. He explained how the BLIP projects are achieving some of the goals set forth by LEED. He explained some of the challenges that have been faced in implementing LEED. He said there are also ways to get extra credit for innovation and design process.

Jon Worona, Digital Initiatives Manager, gave a virtual tour of the Parkside Branch, which he said is available on the SFPL website.

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Public Comment

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Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said the presentation on LEED was exemplary but it also raises some questions. He wondered if these issues have caused a delay in some of the projects. He said there is not much substance to the

Bond Program Manager's Report. He said there should be more information on the budget for each project.

An anonymous citizen said he has been out to the Visitacion Valley branch. He said it is much larger than preliminary materials indicated. He said there are expectations with respect to Parkside and it remains to be seen if those expectations have been met. He said there are issues out there on both the Bayview and North Beach branches. (See attached 150 word summary submitted by the speaker).

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said there have been some developments with respect to the contract on the Bayview Branch. He said it would be appropriate to give an update on those issues. He said there is no evidence in any of the pictures about the signage at the closed branches. He said the signage is abominable at the Park Branch and other branches.

Melissa Riley, Librarian with the Librarian's Guild Executive Board, said she is concerned about a safety matter. She said she is concerned about the cane rails at Parkside Branch. She said if the cane rails are found to cause more injuries than they prevent will ADA allow them to be removed.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane asked for a response on the cane rail issue.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said they would work closely with the Mayor's Office on Disability and the ADA coordinator for DPW to find a solution if the cane rails are a problem.

Commissioner Kane said the reports include all the budget information for the projects. He said he was concerned about the security issue at Visitacion Valley.

Lena Chen said the contractor is responsible for any security issues at the construction sites.

Commissioner Kane said the LEED report was very informative and had questions about

long term savings.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said there appears to be approximately a 15% – 20% savings in long term return on investment.

Roberto Lombardi, Facilities Director, said the one project that there is data on is the Excelsior Branch. He said they have found a 35% reduction in energy use for the measures they have implemented.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said there is a very specific climate action plan. He said the virtual tour is part of our proactive approach to inform the community about what is going on with the library.

Acting President Lee Munson recommended using a discounted cash flow as a way of measuring the rate of return against the present value of the investment.

Commissioner Ono asked about the proposed cost savings for Visitacion Valley.

Samuel Chiu, Department of Public Works, explained how the savings on energy costs are determined.

Commissioner Ono asked about the fireplace in the Parkside Branch.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager said the fireplace will be similar to the one at Eureka Valley and protected by a glass covering.

Commissioner Ono said she is concerned about the issue of the copper being stolen from the branches.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the November 1 Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee meeting is an opportunity for the public to weigh in on the North Beach Branch Library.

Commissioner Breyer asked about whether existing buildings can obtain LEED certification.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said in 2008 the Commission took action to capture the 10 projects that were currently in design and make sure they are LEED certified. She said it would be a new project to make the existing buildings LEED certified. She said that is not part of the BLIP program. She said the existing projects have been analyzed and we will go back at some point and do virtual tours for those branches.

Commissioner Breyer asked about signage at the branches under construction.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that there is general signage at each of the construction sites.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

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There was no public comment on this item.

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Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to adjourn the regular meeting of October 21, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation

Your president violated someone's right to public comment on June 4, 2009.

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force determined that it was a "willful violation." When your secretary stated that you stood by your actions, the Task Force referred the complaint to the Ethics Commission for enforcement on January 13, 2010.

You ratified the violation by reelecting that person for another term as your president on April 1, 2010.

The Ethics staff report states that the conduct of your president "falls below the standard of decency, good faith and right action impliedly required of all public officials."

Representative democracy depends upon social values, but this indicates your anti-social values: You are in a gang. You are a library commissioner.

If you had a bigger sociopath on the Library Commission, that person would be president.

The lies cost more than the money.

Item 2: Branch Library Improvement Program Schedule Change

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Commissioners should be free to ask questions before public comment, particularly if it is an informational point that might inform everyone's consideration.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the computer graphics.

I have been encouraging about schedule changes in the past, but I am less sanguine now. The idea was that schedule changes be brought to the Commission in a timely manner. We are now hearing about a seven-month delay in the same month that it was scheduled to open. I am incredulous.

Some of the excuses for delay do not seem to be necessarily sequential. For example, there is no obvious reason that delivery of roof tile should delay other work on the project. One suspects that there is some overarching reason for delay that is being obscured.

Item 3: Bond Program Manager's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the hate, stop the ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the

Friends & Foundation.

It was ambiguous whether you were taking the advice about allowing informative questions before public comment.

Since there were effective graphics in the presentations, the citizen's presentations also might be more effective with access to the computer graphics.

The Visitacion Valley branch construction site reveals that it is much larger than preliminary materials indicated. A birds-eye view with comparable-size buildings adjacent can be completely different from the monumental impression looking up from the sidewalk. Drawings of the new De Young Museum showed eucalyptus trees the same height as the tower. That was a misrepresentation too.

Whether the expectations of the neighborhood with respect to Parkside have been met remains to be seen.

Regarding both North Beach and Bayview, doesn't the Commission want to be informed about the presentations that will be made to the Supervisors on your behalf?

NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, November 4, 2010**

TIME: **4:30 PM**

PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

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The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment

(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. Chinatown Branch Library Naming **Discussion/Action**

(Discussion and possible action to approve the addition of the name of the late historian Him Mark Lai to the name of the Chinatown Branch Library.)

Explanatory documents: Chinatown Branch Survey Results; Commission Minutes of July 15, 2010; Library Commission Policy No. 601; and Memorandum from City Librarian dated November 1, 2010.

3. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**

(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Land Use and Economic Development Committee Hearing regarding Landmark Designation for Marina and North Beach Branch Libraries; Trends in Library Use Collections and Technology; and Collection Management Area Focus Team Report.

Explanatory Documents: Trends in Library Use Collections and Technology Presentation; and Collection Management Area Focus Team Presentation.

4. Approval of the Minutes October 7, 2010 **Action**

(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16, 2010.)

Explanatory document: minutes.

5. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 11/1/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2010

(Approved as amended at the regular meeting of December 2, 2010)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Munson, and Ono

Commissioner Nguyen arrived at 4:43 pm.

Commissioner Kane arrived at 4:53 pm.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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Lurilla Harris said there should be signage on the inside of the restrooms next to the Koret because the doors open outwards to a small hallway and she has been hit by the door several times. She said that she has asked for additional handicapped seating in the back of the auditorium.

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An anonymous citizen said he started attending Library Commission meetings because he was defending two young children who he had helped in the Library and they were asked by the librarian to leave because they were just playing. He said this was a shocking level of anti-intellectualism. He said he thought he was working toward honesty and decency in a democracy. He said public comment exists so that the Commission cannot pretend that it does not know about what sort of hate and ignorance is necessary to maintain your position. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government said he has filed a complaint with the Sunshine Task Force because the Library did not include a 150 word summary within the body of the minutes. He said following the City Attorney's advice is not wise because the City Attorney has had about 50% of sunshine determinations filed against them. He said his whole idea is free speech. He said he read what he wrote at the meeting and that was not included.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the library has a lack of respect of the Sunshine Ordinance, the Brown Act and the California Public Records Act. He said there have been many, many violations. He said he came to get a book at the library and found himself in the middle of a large event celebrating the Giants. He said there was a sign saying that only one entrance to the library was open. He said it is unfortunate that the Library does not promote reading on subject matters which the public is very clearly interested in.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 CHINATOWN BRANCH LIBRARY NAMING

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Commission is being asked to take action on the naming of the Chinatown Branch Library in memory of the late historian Him Mark Lai. He said the Commission has followed Library Commission Policy #601 and held a public meeting in the Chinatown Branch Library to obtain direct neighborhood testimony. He said the minutes from that meeting are available in the Commission packet and at the back of the room. He said there was also a survey on the renaming. He said 517 responses were in support of the renaming, 79 in opposition and 57 had no opinion.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is a controversy that shouldn't be controversial at all. He said there is a policy of not naming branches for individuals except in rare circumstances. He said the original survey showed a divided response on the renaming and a community this divided is not grounds for naming a branch. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Lonnie Chin, former Library Commissioner, said she was on the Commission when the Policy was originally adopted. She said Him Mark Lai's name will be added to name of the branch. She said Him Mark Lai is the father of Chinese American history and studies. She said she recommended that Him Mark Lai's name is added to the name of the Chinatown Branch Library.

Ruth Ann Lumikin said she is reading a statement from Marvin Hom, Professor at San Francisco State University. The statement told of his experience with the Chinatown Branch Library and his support for renaming the Branch to the Chinatown Him Mark Lai Branch Library.

Peter Warfield said everything he has heard about Him Mark Lai sounds wonderful and interesting. He said it appears that the honoree did some very valuable things. He said he hasn't really heard about the honoree's contribution to the library.

Ruth Ann Lumikin said Him Mark Lai has made an enormous contribution to the library.

Sue Lee, Executive Director of the Chinese Historical Society of America, said Him Mark Lai did a great deal of research in Chinese newspapers. She said there are a number of people in the audience in support of the renaming, however, they have spoken at other meetings and will not be speaking again at this meeting. She asked those people to stand up and show their support for the renaming.

Vincent Pan, Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, said he wanted to add his support and urge the Commission to add the name of Him Mark Lai to the Chinatown Branch Library.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Kane thanked the speakers for attending the meeting and expressing their support.

Commissioner Breyer said there has been a great outpouring of support and he appreciates the stories told about this great man.

Commissioner Munson said he has been impressed by the tremendous contributions by Him Mark Lai.

Commissioner Nguyen thanked everyone for painting such a beautiful portrait of Him

Mark Lai.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen to approve revising the name of the Chinatown Branch Library to the Chinatown Him Mark Lai Branch Library.

Action: AYES 7-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, Nguyen, and Ono).

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they will report back to the Commission with information on the appropriate way to recognize the name at the Branch and to fully vet the cost.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the Land Use and Economic Development Committee of the Board of Supervisors voted to not landmark the North Beach Branch Library and to landmark the Marina Branch Library. He said it will go before the full Board of Supervisors next week.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, gave a presentation on Trends in Library Use. She showed some of the measures used for circulation of materials. She explained patron access to collection resources and the building and maintaining of library collections. She said print and online surveys have been compiled and improvements to the survey have been recommended for FY11. She discussed electronic collections and patron satisfaction with library collections. She said in the area of public technology there has been a strong effort to increase patron access to technology. She said the capacity or availability of public computer resources has been a priority. She said the laptop lending program has been very successful. She said the Library offers public computer instruction. She said direct services and information are provided through the Library's website. She said the Library provides unique services such as a children's storyline, online homework help use, and an online citizenship toolkit. She said upcoming topics to be presented to the Commission will be Public Safety and Security, Workforce Development and Facilities and Asset Management.

Luis Herrera said the next report will be on the work that has been done by the Collection Management Area Focus Team.

Laura Lent, the Co-Chair for the Collection Management Area Focus Team said the task was to review and assess collection management processes to improve, enhance and expedite the acquisition and access of materials to library users based on public need, best practices and services trends. She said they conducted data and analysis; they reviewed their communication and feedback and came up with recommendations in areas that could be improved. She said these areas included governance structure of collection management, selection process, selection to shelf time, budget allocations and tracking and patron satisfaction.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, explained the process for floating collections. She said a pilot was launched late this year and has been very successful. She said they will continue to look at ways of improving.

Laura Lent said in the selection process recommendations they recommended faster, more accountable and more responsive handling of patron title suggestions and revamping the way those materials are distributed. She said the Task Force is working on implementation of their recommendations.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said that the Parkside Branch reopening will be on November 6 and invited everyone to attend.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said it would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphic display. He said he has a nice graphic presentation on library trends in comparison with other jurisdictions available on the Supervisor's archive. He said if he expressed his friends' concerns he would use up all of his public comment. He said just because bench-marking surveys say something was better than last year does not mean that expectations of professional standards are being met. He said whether a collection is comprehensive is the question that must be asked. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Jonathon Torzon, representing the nonprofit ISABT, said they are involved in getting textbooks and computers for Africa. He said he would be very interested in getting some of the obsolete textbooks and other materials that are no longer being used by the Library. He said he would like to talk with someone about that.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is disappointed by a number of things that seem to be glossed over, particularly patron services. He said there seems to be a

very long time getting new material on the shelves. He said it would be nice to have new materials on a chain so that library users can peruse the new materials, since most of the new materials are on reserve with a long wait. He said he has not heard anything about out of print materials.

Ray Hartz, Director of San Francisco Open Government, said the report is filled with a lot of technical jargon and it might be better if it is presented so that the public could understand it. He said he would like to see more specifics about the type of collection available.

Commission Discussion

Laura Lent responded to a question from Commissioner Munson about the merging of the staff for children, teen and adult acquisition. She said all of those services have been merged into the Technical Services Department. She said there are specialists in the different areas.

Commissioner Hayon had questions about the selection process and how it operates

Laura Lent said there are committees that compile new titles and last year about 40,000 new titles were added to the collection. She said decisions regarding the collection are being made every day. She said the Rapid Response Committee is spending more time on reviewing books currently being read and/or talked about at various book signings, lectures, etc. She said the library uses journals specifically put out for libraries listing upcoming titles. She said the Friends of the Library give the Library a grant in order to obtain difficult to get items.

Commissioner Kane said he is interested in the library evaluating best practices. He had questions about how best practices are measured and how they are evaluated.

Laura Lent explained the structure set up to evaluate best practices. She said talking to the collection managers of libraries in other large cities helped to establish best practices.

There was a discussion about the optimal way of getting the books to the patrons.

Commissioner Kane asked about the book budget.

Commissioner Nguyen left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that the collection budget is for the materials. She said there has been some staff savings in the merger.

Kathy Lawhun, Chief of Main, responded to a question from Commissioner Kane about in house use of materials. She said there is a person who actually counts the numbers of materials left on tables during the day.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, responded to a question from President Gomez and said that the laptops are holding up very well.

Commissioner Ono commended the Task Force for their work on this and had questions relating to projections and the web page.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, explained how the projections are determined and she said the increase in use of the web page does have a lot to do with the new web page and how they are working to get an accurate count on that.

Commissioner Breyer had questions about best practices and the increase in numbers in branch use.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the Excelsior Branch was chosen as a pilot for the laptop program because they have an extreme need for computers. She said there are a number of factors for the increase in branch use.

Commissioner Hayon said she thought it would be an interesting thing to have published the top 10 materials checked out.

President Gomez asked about the Teen Use increases and the new Teen Centers. She

also asked about the e collection librarians.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the new Teen Centers and programming have definitely had an impact on teen circulation.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said they would bring back an item to the Commission on the "electronic frontier".

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OCTOBER 7, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said on the bottom of page four the Minutes say that there were four votes for the Community Benefit District. He said, in fact, Commission Nguyen did not vote for that item but maybe he intended his silence as acquiescence. He said on page eight under the approval of the Minutes there was a discussion about whether the law requires summaries to be "included" in the minutes. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said there is nothing that precludes the Commission from being active and willing participants in open government. He said the Commission does not have to follow the direction of the City Attorney. He said the Commission can direct the policy for the preparation of the minutes.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said on page one under public comment his comments regarding the Park Branch signage did not include the remarks he made with respect to ongoing library programs. He said that should be included by simply adding "and ongoing library programs." He said on page two under the CBD his comments did not include important points that he had made regarding the CBD. He said on page six under City Librarian's Report, there is a small grammatical change to his last sentence he said "construction is a priority for this library (and the word **but** should be added) hours are not."

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Hayon to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2010 as amended on page one under the comments by Peter Warfield to add the words "He said there is appallingly bad signage at the branches that

are closed with respect to notifying patrons of alternate service **and ongoing library programs."**

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

Melissa Riley, Librarians Guild, said she noticed that the Labor Union Report was not on the agenda and she hoped it would appear on future agendas.

Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of November 4, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

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The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation

No commissioner has heard how my interest in the library began.

Since old newspapers can be such a wonderful introduction to history, one day I showed two young children how to request the newspaper of their birthday.

A library employee unplugged their microfiche machine without warning, stating they were "just playing." The librarian told these children to leave.

This was a shocking level of anti-intellectualism. I couldn't I defend my right to be in the public library much less these kid's. I was befriended by Effie Lee Morris who couldn't defend her right either.

The rest of the story you know.

I thought I was working toward honesty and decency in a democracy, but there was always one more "Jewell Gomez" that needed denial and abuse.

Public comment exists so you can't pretend you don't know what maintains your positions.

Item 2: Chinatown Branch Library Naming

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

This should not be a controversy. The library has a policy of not naming branches for individuals except in rare circumstances.

Him Mark Lai was a good man among our common men.

How do we analyze the measures of support given to you? Surveys are normalized to reflect the community demographics. Questionnaires are sampling of a location or interest. A petition is solicited and not expected to be reflective of the community.

At the Chinatown Branch hearing 43% favored naming, 57% were against it or had no opinion. Similarly, 45% thought it was in the public interest and 55% didn't.

Afterward, you allowed the questionnaire to be promoted as a petition to supporters. Unfortunately, this made it less valuable as a reflection of the opinion in the community.

A community this divided is not grounds for naming a branch.

Item 3: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop Hate & Ignorance – No money to Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphic display. I have a nice graphic presentation on library trends and comparison with other jurisdictions available on the Supervisor's archive.

Ten friends asked me to convey their concerns and I explained that giving time to those not present would be an abuse of the deliberative process. If I had seventy friends and we watched Lawrence of Arabia, most people would recognize that is not what public comment is for?

The bench-marking referred to is important because the fact that people will say something was better than last year does not mean that expectations of professional standards are being met.

I am shocked that you didn't consider professional literature helpful because quality of a collection has been a professional concern.

Whether a collection is comprehensive is the question that must be asked.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (October 7, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

This is the opportunity for you to entertain yourselves.

On page four, the vote for the Community Benefit District proposal includes Commissioner Nguyen. He did not vote for this proposal. Maybe he intended his silence as acquiescence. Maybe he expected that he would be reminded that abstaining is not permitted. You are required to have a roll call vote. Having left, perhaps he is acquiescing twice.

On page eight Commissioner Munson is shown as confirming the City Attorney's recommendation. No. Mr. Munson said the citizen summaries are not a part of your minutes. Most people think "not a part" means not included. The law requires summaries be "included." Have we reached a stage of irrationality where "included" and "not included" are synonyms? The law has made inclusion a matter of public policy and is required so that content-based discrimination does not happen.

Notice of Meeting

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, November 18, 2010**

TIME: **4:30 PM**

PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

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The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment

(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. Bond Program Manager's Report **Discussion**

(This is a discussion item to allow the Branch Library Bond Program Manager to report on recent bond program related activities and make announcements.)

This report will consist of *informational presentations*: BLIP Schedule updates; *regular reports*: program budget, schedule, and construction reports; active projects; and community outreach; and *special reports:* none.

Explanatory documents: Memorandum from City Librarian dated November 15, 2010 regarding BLIP Schedule Updates; Current Budget Report and Library Commission Schedule Report.

3. Results of Follow-up Review of the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) Audit **Discussion**

(This is a discussion item to review the results of the Follow-up Review of the BLIP audit.)

Explanatory document: Memorandum from Director of Audits, City Services Auditor (CSA) dated 11/8/10.

4. Approval of the 2011 Library Commission Meeting Schedule Action

(Discussion and possible action on the 2011 Library Commission meeting schedule.)

Explanatory document: draft 2011 Library Commission meeting schedule.

5. Adjournment (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 11/15/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2010

(Approved as amended at the January 6, 2011 regularly scheduled meeting).

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Gomez, Munson, Nguyen and Ono.

Commissioner excused: Hayon

Commissioner Kane entered the meeting at 4:42 pm

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said there is a literary genre, instructive of our era, the outsider who gets inside and can't get back out. He said lies become institutionalized and the Friends pay to suppress the truth. He said people know ignorance prevails over truth because their wealth, positions and status are at stake. The Ethics Commission has stated that the action of your president falls below the standard of decency, good faith and right action impliedly required of all public officials. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said that it is unfortunate that the Commission seems to be ignoring an Ethics Commission report with regards to the President of the Commission. He said the Board of Supervisors a week ago rejected the landmarking of

the North Beach Branch Library. He said many people are not pleased with this outcome. He said the building deserves landmarking. He said the library buildings that have been landmarked have been landmarked after renovation.

Bradley Weidmeyer said he urges the Commission to not ravage the Mason Street view corridor after a new building is built there. He said if you waste the resources of the City when the people discover this they will be very upset. He said you are going to have to change the law and violate the guidelines for view corridors if this project is built. He said views and corridors are to be protected. He said please choose another site for the North Beach Branch.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. BOND PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

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Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said this month there will be the regular, budget and schedule reports. She said this month's budget report shows the approved budget as $188,910,119. She said the Bayview Branch is in the Award phase and the North Beach Branch is in the EIR/Design Development phase. She said seven branches are in construction. She said 15 branches are complete and open. She said the BLIP team is working to coordinate the openings for these projects in the next year. She said they are holding contractors accountable for any delays in the projects. She showed photographs and gave reports on projects in construction including: Park; Presidio; Merced; Anza; Visitacion Valley; Ortega; and Golden Gate Valley. She said Supervisor Maxwell introduced a supplementary appropriation of $2,169,200 of Visitacion Valley Infrastructure funds for the Visitacion Valley branch library. She said they are asking the Board of Supervisors to appropriate all of the money that is currently in the Developer Fund. She said the Capital Planning Committee approved the request this week and the item will be considered by the Budget and Finance Committee in early December. She said the City rescinded the award of the bid to Liberty Builders for the Bayview Branch and now is in the process of awarding the bid to the second highest bidder, KCK Builders. She said Planning Department staff is compiling a response to the comments made on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the North Beach Branch Library. She said the Planning Commission will hold a hearing next year to certify the EIR. She said the Historic Preservation Commission recommended landmarking the building and the Board of Supervisors voted 10-1 against landmarking the North Beach Branch. They also voted to make the Marina Branch an Historic landmark. She gave a summary of public outreach activities and showed photographs from the opening of the Parkside Branch on November 6.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, thanked the members of the Commission who attended the opening and said that the Parkside Branch is the first LEED certified project.

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Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said there are three projects that show further delay but that Anza is not as bad as he had heard. He said each delay is in part delayed because of unforeseen subgrade conditions. He said the architect needs to know about those conditions. He said this was an excuse that was offered when Chinatown went so egregiously overbudget and it now appears to be a systemic problem. He said the assumptions for the transfers from the Developers fund needs to be clarified. (See attached 150 word summary submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the Parkside Branch opening was indeed very festive. He said the report did not make a mention of the memorandum from the City Librarian regarding the delays to some of the projects. He said three projects will be delayed three months and he is disappointed that was not discussed as part of the report. He said there was no mention to the Commission prior to the Capital Planning Committee hearing about the request from the Library for a supplemental appropriation for Developer Fees for the Visitacion Valley Branch.

Bradley Weidmeyer said he is an architectural historian. He said it is exciting to see all the new libraries. He said Supervisor David Chiu said that he based his decision not to landmark the North Beach Library on information he had received from historians and others, but all of the material from historians asked that the branch be landmarked. He said he urged the Commission to return to renovation or expansion of the existing building instead of the view corridor destroying project that is currently planned. He said when the people find out about this outrage they will make sure this will not happen.

A woman from the audience said she lives very, very close to the proposed North Beach Branch project. She said she and her neighbors are extraordinarily excited about the new project. She said she hopes the new library is built soon.

Sue Cauthen said there is an enormous amount of opposition in the North Beach neighborhood to the proposed North Beach Branch Library. She said she is concerned about the library's reputation as well.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane asked about the delays in the schedule and how it will affect the budget for each project. He said he was concerned with contractor delays and liquidated damages.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said the budget for the delayed projects should not

be affected but they will be watching them very closely.

Commissioner Kane asked about the Bayview Branch and issues with the contractor.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said there are quite a few requirements for contractors to meet. He said there were cumulative issues with the contractor so the City had to rescind the bid. He said the second lowest bidder has been awarded the contract. He said they are not sure how this will affect the budget of the project, but they will come back to the Commission with any increase in the budget. He said they are also working on trying to expedite the schedule of the project.

Commissioner Kane said that the approved budget for Visitacion Valley is $13 million and we have spent $11.5 million. He asked if there was enough money left to complete the project.

Lena Chen, Bond Program Manager, said that we should be able to complete the Visitacion Valley project within the budget.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said the budget transfers will insure that the Visitacion Valley project is complete.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 RESULTS OF FOLLOW-UP REVIEW OF THE BRANCH LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (BLIP) AUDIT

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Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said in September, 2007 an audit report was issued entitled: "Strengthened Program Management Required for Branch Library Improvement Program to Avoid Further Budget Increases" which the Commission had requested. He said on November 8, 2010 the results of the follow-up review of the BLIP audit were released in a memorandum from Tonia Lediju, Director of Audits, City Services Auditor (CSA). He said the memorandum is included in the Commission packets.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Library and the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been very effective in assisting each agency to meet its obligation to efficiently and effectively manage the bond program. She said the other recommendations were specifically related to actions to be taken by DPW.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said this is a very instructive but kind of generalized memorandum. He said the generalizations provide plenty of food for thought. He said this provides some level of discipline and accountability. He said the Commission has considered itself to be visionaries who have no need to be scrutinized whatsoever. He said any one else is considered a process junkie, and the lowest vermin in the world. He said the reason we have oversight is that the scrutiny itself produces the benefits. (See attached 150 word summary submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the memo from the Controller's Office notes essentially that the recommendations have been implemented. He said the details should be scrutinized by the Commission. He said it appears that some of these things have been assumed to have been taken care of by the MOU. He said there is considerable concern over whether all of the things in the MOU are being implemented.

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Commission Discussion

Commissioner Munson said that this shows that DPW and Library staff have dug in and pulled together and developed a process that has met the scrutiny of the City Auditor. He said this reflects very well on DPW and how helpful they are.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian, said he would convey the Commission's thanks to DPW.

Commissioner Breyer said the results of the follow up are commendable. He said he wondered if there are other opportunities to review the projects in order to improve the process.

Luis Herrera, City Librarian said BLIP projects go before the Citizens General Obligation Oversight Committee on a regular basis. He said they continue to make recommendations. He said several years ago there was a concern that some projects

were running out of money so the Commission approved a transfer of Library Preservation Funds (LPF) into the BLIP. He said those funds are now being returned to the LPF through Developer Impact Funds.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL OF THE 2011 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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Sue Blackman, Library Commission Secretary, said there is a typo on the draft schedule and it should read May 5 instead of May 6.

Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said he commends the Commission for showing two meetings on the schedule in December and January. He said he thinks it is important that the Commission stick to a two meeting a month schedule. He said the Commission might benefit from extending the start time to 5:00. He said he would hope that that would make people a little more punctual. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker.)

Peter Warfield said he seconds the previous speaker's comment about frequency of meetings. He said regular meetings are important. He said there used to be a Committee structure so there were more meetings to attend and keep track of. He said in the past the Commission met at 5:30 pm. He said that time gives a more fair opportunity for the public to attend the meetings.

Motion: By Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Munson to approve the 2011 Library Commission schedule with the correction to the date of the first meeting in May, which should read May 5 instead of May 6.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

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There was no public comment on this item.

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Motion: By Commissioner Ono, seconded by Commissioner Munson to adjourn the regular meeting of November 18, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Kane, Munson, Nguyen and Ono).

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

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Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation

There is a literary genre, instructive of our era, the outsider who gets inside and can't get back out. The classic example is the newspaper reporter who enters a mental institution on assignment. He is trapped because imagining he is a newspaper reporter is evidence of insanity.

Known as "Kafkaesque," it is the way I feel.

Lies become institutionalized and the Friends pay to suppress the truth. People know ignorance prevails over truth, but they have a plantation, or a "Castle" to run, and besides, their wealth, positions and status are at stake.

The Ethics Commission has stated that the action of your president "falls below the standard of decency, good faith and right action impliedly required of all public officials." You don't care because you are protecting your positions.

The lies cost more than the money.

Item 2: Bond Program Manager's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

It would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

There are three projects that show further delay. Anza branch is not as bad as I had heard.

What the delays have in common is that they are credited to "unforeseen subgrade conditions." The architect needs to know the subgrade conditions, so how could they be unforeseen?

This is alarming because this was the excuse that was offered when Chinatown went so egregiously over budget that it sabotaged the entire program. Now it appears to be a systemic problem.

The financial officer at the Capital Planning meeting told the committee that there were no plans to return Library Preservation Fund money because you were going to need it eventually anyway. The assumptions for that transfer need to be clarified.

Item 3: Results of Follow-up Review of the Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) Audit

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

By all means, let's belabor the past.

This is highly generalized, and would benefit from specifics, but the generalizations provide plenty of food for thought.

You have a tradition of consistently claiming that there are no problems. Then in one day, you state, we fixed all the problems, next case.

This memorandum endorses open process which provides discipline and accountability. You consider yourselves visionaries above review and anyone else is a process junkie, the lowest vermin in the world.

The hierarchy of values is democracy first, the library second, and yourselves as Machiavelli's "Prince," to be protected at all costs, is a very distant third.

We have openness because the effort to create secrecy produces distortion, in and of itself. The public doesn't need to talk. It is the scrutiny itself that produces the benefits.

Item 4: Approval of the 2011 Library Commission Meeting Schedule

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, stop the Ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

I commend you for having two meetings in December and January. There have been fewer meetings in some previous years.

There used to be fewer commission meetings, but with an active committee structure. Now that we have abandoned committees, I think it is important to have a full schedule of two meetings a month.

I should mention that the 4:30 start time might benefit by being extended to 5:00. There might be staff members who need to come at 5:00 after their assignments.

Even Commissioner Kane might get here on time if the start time were 5:00. It is true that he might come when public comment was over no matter when you started, but I hope not. A five o'clock start time might make many people more punctual, including me.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the San Francisco Public Library Commission will be held as follows:

DATE: **Thursday, December 2, 2010**

TIME: **4:30 PM**

PLACE: **Koret Auditorium, Main Library, lower level**

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The meeting will be called to order.

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

1. General Public Comment

(This item is to allow members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and that do not appear on the agenda).

2. City Librarian's Report by Luis Herrera **Discussion**

(This item is to allow the City Librarian to report on recent Library activities and make announcements). The City Librarian will give updates on the following topics: Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget Status and 2011/12 Budget Priorities; Programming, Exhibitions and Outreach Area Focus Team Report; California Library Association (CLA) conference; and Highlights on Exhibitions and Programming.

Explanatory Documents: Programming, Exhibitions and Outreach Area Focus Team Presentation

3. Labor Union Report **Discussion** (This item is to allow representatives of library labor organizations to report on employee matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Library Commission's consideration.)

4. Approval of the Minutes October 21, 2010 **Action**

(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2010)

Explanatory document: minutes.

5. **Approval of the Minutes November 4, 2010** **Action**

(Presentation, discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2010.)

Explanatory document: minutes.

6. **Adjournment** (requires motion & public comment) **Action**

Sue Blackman Library Commission Secretary, 11/29/2010

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2010

(As approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of January 6, 2011.)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 2, 2010, in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 pm.

Commissioners present: Breyer, Hayon, Munson, and Ono

Commissioner excused: Nguyen

Commissioner Gomez arrived at 4:38 pm.

Commissioner Kane arrived at 4:42 pm.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

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An anonymous citizen said on March 5, 2009, the Friends and Foundation made a report to the Commission on their finances at the request of Commissioner Kane. He said according to filings in the last year all expenditures from the Friends to the Library or for Library purposes went down 25%. He said the compensation for the Executive Director went up 19% and all of the top employees of the Friends got a raise. He said the total employee payroll for the Friends also went up. He said the increase in their payroll was more than the total donation to the Library that year. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said BLIP has a quarterly report that seems never to be on the Commission agenda, but is sometimes referenced at the back of the room. He said it is an official City Report. He said for 10 years we have been told that the Friends will be contributing $16 million for Furniture, Fixture and Equipment. He said with about 60% of the branches it appears that the Friends have spent approximately $1 million. He said this raises serious questions about the Friends contributions.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government said he attends other Commission meetings and he finds a similarity in that most Boards and Commissions do not fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and their duties. He said the financial statements of the Friends of the Library are consistently six to nine months behind in filing. He said projects are coming in late and the Commission is not told until it is too late to do anything. He said he is also concerned about the Community Benefit District. He said he would like to see the Commission more active in overseeing these other bodies.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said she is pleased to present the report on behalf of the City Librarian. She said the first item she will be discussing will be mid-year information about the current year budget and budget priorities from the Commission for the next Fiscal Year.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief update on this year's budget. He said we are favorable on our expenses and revenues. He said the savings in the labor expenditures was due in large part to the City's hiring freeze. He said we have more vacant positions than we would like to have at this point. He said the non-labor spending is likely to catch up by the end of the year. He said budget challenges for next year include a citywide deficit of $380 million. He said revenues are expected to go up about 2% next year and labor costs are likely to go up more than 2% and there will be additional expenses with the opening of the branch libraries that are currently closed.

Jill Bourne said the FY 11-12 Budget Priorities are public service hours, collections, targeted technologies, facilities, public safety and workforce development. She said staff would like to hear back from the Commissioners on these priorities and they will report back on January with updated information. She said the next topic to be discussed is the Programming, Exhibitions and Outreach Area Focus Team.

Alvaro Sanabria, one of the co-chairs for the Programming, Exhibitions and Outreach Area Focus Team, said areas that they focused on were communication and coordination, measurement and evaluation; and community outreach. He said their findings and recommendations were to create programs and outreach inclusive of

diverse communities; develop consistent and effective ways of measuring and analyzing programs, outreach and patron satisfaction; provide standards, training and tools for community outreach; and coordinate programs and outreach system-wide to achieve the greatest impact and efficiency.

Linda Brooks-Burton, the other co-chair of the Focus Team, said the Team recommended creating a cross divisional oversight group to collaborate and recommend system-wide initiations and priorities and a change in roles for the Diversity in Programming Team and the Ethnic Services Committee.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the Library was well-represented at the California Library Association (CLA) meeting in Sacramento last month. She said there will be a brief overview from two of the programs.

Patricia Tarin, Training Officer, said she and two of her colleagues, Brian Castagne and Jon Worona sat on a Leadership Panel at CLA and discussed Gen PL: The next generation of public library leaders. She said there was a very receptive audience. She said the goals of the program were to develop a pipeline of leaders in the library; encourage more collaboration across all areas of the library; increase the knowledge and expertise of potential library leaders; and to engender greater self confidence and decision making abilities. She said there has been very positive feedback on the program

Trent Garcia, Electronic Collections Librarian, said his presentation at CLA was Moving Libraries Forward. He said other presenters were Brian Bannon and Christina Moretta. He said the main topic was the importance of establishing an organizational structure that supports creative thinking and innovation. He said they presented some case studies. He said there was a lot of great questions and discussion about the issue.

Lisa Vestal, Chief Curator, said that our upcoming exhibition San Francisco Eats will open on December 11 and will run through March 20, 2011. She said there will be exhibits in both the Jewett and Skylight Galleries. She said this will showcase the culinary delights that can be found in the Library's collection dating back to the mid 19th century. She said there will be a bibliography of selected books and materials on food, history and culture. She said there are many programs planned to accompany the exhibits.

Toni Bernardi, Manager Children and Youth Services, said there are approximately 75 programs for children and teens happening around the system in December. She said that does not count our story times which average over 50 a week. She said there will be programs with the San Francisco Conservatory of Music; holiday sounds with branch

children's librarians and original and classic tunes by Bonnie Lockhart. She said there will be a lot of craft activities. She said other programs will include a holiday game night; gingerbread cookie decorating; a dramatic reading of a Christmas Carol by British actor Martin Harris; and the Mayor's Toy and Book Giveaway. She said the annual holiday train will be outside of the children's center through January 7, 2011.

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Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said it would be nice if the citizens had access to the graphic display. He said Luis Herrera presumably works for all of us and we would like to know where he is. He said more branches will be opening in FY12. He said at the top of the priorities is public service hours. He said below a certain point public service hours are not at your discretion. He said this is a condition of the Library Preservation Fund. He said the savings because of closed branches is now going away. He said as soon as full service hours are mandated it is going to be a different world. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said it is troubling that if there are labor savings does that mean that there are positions which have not been filled and what does that mean to overworking current staff or under filled positions and what does that mean to public service. He said with respect to nonlabor costs does that mean we are not purchasing the planned number of books. He said public service hours are not a priority of the administration.

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said there was nothing substantive about the presentations. He said the Commission should be given additional details in the presentations. He said he heard a lot of vague information about the budget. He said on the diversity issue he would have liked to hear about where the Library has failed to meet the needs of diversity.

Commission Discussion

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Commissioner Kane said his priority is that every branch should be open seven days a week and that should be our goal.

There was a discussion about the Library Preservation Fund (LPF) and the money drawn from the reserve for this fiscal year.

John Doidge, Chief Financial Officer, said a portion of the savings would go back to the LPF and a portion would go back to the General Fund.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the library is trying to fill every vacant position, but the reality is that they will not all be filled by the end of the fiscal year. She said the budget is fully funded for the staffing and hours that exceed the requirements in Prop D.

Commissioner Kane asked about the need for more diversity in our community outreach program. He said he thinks the outreach has been outstanding.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said the goal of the Programming, Exhibitions and Outreach Area Focus Team was how to better coordinate all of our programming. She said they wanted to insure that diversity was included in all aspects of programming.

Alvaro Sanabrio said they are looking at new mapping programs using the census data. He said there are suggestions from the community for different languages and programming.

Jill Bourne said that most of the programming budget comes from the support of the Friends on the Library.

Commissioner Ono asked about implementation and cost savings from the recommendations of the Programming, Exhibitions and Outreach Area Focus Team.

Linda Brooks Burton said that the implementation of the recommendations will begin over the next six months.

Commissioner Munson asked that the Commission receive a report from the Library on the Friends contributions to the library both for the BLIP program and for library programming.

Commissioner Hayon said she would like to receive a full report on the vacancies and where they are in the system. She said it is important to make sure those vacancies are filled because we could face some serious issues with regard to the services we

provide.

There was a discussion about whether this year's budget can be amended so that the savings can be spent on other library needs and the surplus would not be returned back to the reserve or the General Fund.

Commissioner Breyer said he is interested in learning more about the leadership and innovation program.

Jill Bourne, Deputy City Librarian, said that the Commission had been given a full presentation on the Gen PL program in the library last year but they would be happy to give an update to the Commission in the future.

Commissioner Breyer asked about the measurement of the Library's programs.

Alvaro Sanabria said that they have a detailed breakdown of assessment of programs. He said they track the number of people who attend the programs and have participants fill out evaluations. He said they do other informal surveys and communications with participants.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 LABOR UNION REPORT

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Cathy Bremer, Chief Steward Local 1021, said they are looking forward to next year. She said this past year has been very difficult for city workers. She said they are working very closely with the administration in the labor management meetings on how the staffing issues will be addressed with the new branch openings. She said they are very concerned with public service.

Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said he is gratified by the report. He said this is closely related to the previous agenda item and that he hopes

Commissioner Kane will continue to press for answers to his questions.

(See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government said this item highlights some of the issues raised in the previous item. He said the hiring process is a complicated one so the answers to some of the questions regarding positions need to be answered soon. He said as the new branches open it is going to take a drain on the system. He said these are long term processes that need to be looked at now. He said there were no specifics in the report given on the budget.

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the best search engine is a librarian. He said librarians are crucial to library service for the public. He said it is very distressing to hear that librarians are already feeling in speed up mode. He said there have been a lot of retirements. He said what will the experience be of new employees coming in. He said service is being degraded by reference desks being combined with circulation desks.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2010

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Public Comment

An anonymous citizen said on page one in general public comment only the first part of his comments were reported. He said there has been no discussion about the additional statement referencing the attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker. He said even the law now recognizes that incorporation by reference is not legitimate. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said the additional language referencing the attached 150 work statement is a step in the right direction, but you have lost the meaning and have maximized the confusion and the summaries should be included as part of the minutes. He said on agenda item number 2, page 2 his comments have an incorrect date that states the opening date is November 2011 and that should read November, 2010. He said on page 5, third paragraph where it says the signage is abominable at the Park Branch it should include the words "for patrons about alternate service."

Ray Hartz, Director San Francisco Open Government, said the Minutes are now much more reflective of the comments that the speakers make. He said the Sunshine

Ordinance says the 150 word statement should be included in the minutes. He said it is the City Attorney's interpretation that the statements can be attached, but that is not how a judge would interpret it. He said the question is do you do what is right or do you do what someone else tells you they interpret is right.

President Gomez said the date on page two should be corrected.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the Minutes of October 21, 2010 as amended on page two to correct the date in the last paragraph from "opening date of November, 2011" to **opening date of November 2010. . . ."**

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO.5 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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Public Comment

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An anonymous citizen said the mystery seems to be solved. He said Ray Hartz's comments about the complaint he filed with the Sunshine Task Force seems to have had an influence on the Secretary's decision to add language after the comments about the 150 word summary being attached. He said Mr. Hartz was saying in his comments that it is not wise to follow the City Attorney's advice since there are so many complaints filed against the City Attorney. (See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker).

Peter Warfield, Library Users Association, said he is glad to see the references to the 150 word statement still included in the Minutes. He said the comments by Mr. Hartz are not transcribed here in a way that makes any sense. He said over half of the complaints he has filed against the Library and the Commission were found to be violations by the Sunshine Task Force and on all of those you received the City Attorney's advice. He said it would be helpful if the minutes explained the process for floating holidays under Jill Bourne's statement on page 4.

He said his comments on page 5 regarding some new materials being placed on a chain

were not reflected accurately.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Ono to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2010 as amended on page three for the motion to read "approve **revising the name of the Chinatown Branch Library to the Chinatown Him Mark Lai Branch Library."**

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6. ADJOURNMENT

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Public Comment

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion: By Commissioner Munson, seconded by Commissioner Kane to adjourn the regular meeting of December 2, 2010.

Action: AYES 6-0: (Breyer, Gomez, Hayon, Kane, Munson, and Ono).

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The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Sue Blackman

Commission Secretary

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the commission secretary/custodian of records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library's website http://sfpl.org. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to library commissioners prior to or during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be

available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).

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Library Commission Meeting of December 02, 2010.

Item 1: General Public Comment

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Corporate Rape of the Public Library – Don't accept money from the Friends & Foundation

Friends & Foundation reported on its finances March 5, 2009, almost 2 years ago.

Required Sunshine Ordinance filings show Friends & Foundation's expenditure for the library's benefit dropped 25% from $498,000 to $373,000.

State Attorney General filings show: The compensation of the executive director went up 19% from $178,000 to $212,000.

Last year, salaries of 7 employees were $889,738.00, or average $127,105.43.

This year, salaries of 4 employees were $653,343, or average $163,335.

Total employee payroll went up 18% from $2.1 to $2.49 Million So the increase in the payroll of $383,783, was more that the total donation to the library.

Over ten years they had total income of $31.7 Million, while donating to library $3.1 Million.

Commissioner Kane only wants reports that stimulate his vanity and cruelty. The barriers of contempt and denial are more important that public responsibility.

The Lies Cost More than the Money.

Item 2: City Librarian's Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

Wouldn't it be nice if the citizens had access to the graphics.

Where is Mr. Herrera? He works for us all, and I would like to know where he is. If he is out looking for a job, I sympathize.

More branches will be opening was mentioned as a budget challenge. Public service hours are not at your discretion. Minimum service hours were mandated as a condition of guaranteed funding, and the savings that you have been realizing from branches closed for renovation goes away.

You may remember that the budget is balanced but at the expense of a substantial hit to the reserve so the first question should be, what is the effect on the reserve?

A report about the scope of library renovation somewhere else does not meet your needs to have library renovation here.

Item 3: Labor Union Report

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

I am gratified by that report and the fact that the Librarian's Guild is working with the administration, and their commitment to fulfill the promises that have been made.

I think there is some acknowledgment in this presentation that things are not going back to normal and that the new economic realities will affect all of us.

This is closely related to the previous agenda item and I hope that Commissioner Kane will press for the real answer to his questions about the diversion of the Library Preservation Fund reserve.

Item 4: Approval of the Minutes (October 21, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, Stop the Ignorance – Don't give or accept money from the Friends & Foundation.

The anonymous citizen comments repeat previous statements but leave out new material, such as the Ethics Commission finding actions of your president below the standard of decency, and your abandonment of social values.

Then we have the addition of "(See attached 150 word statement submitted by the speaker)." I recognize this as an attempt to be a little bit more reasonable. As usual you deny, deny, deny, then reason comes by spontaneous intervention. There is no discussion, no acknowledgment, and a fait accompli is the only process you know.

Would I have recognized this as a reasonable compromise ten years ago? In the interim, you have operated on the premise that being as irrational as possible will discourage people from a public process. Even the law now recognizes that incorporation by reference is not legitimate.

Item 5: Approval of the Minutes (November 4, 2010)

Anonymous Citizen: Stop the Hate, stop the Ignorance – Don't give money to the Friends & Foundation.

The mystery is solved. This states that Ray Hartz filed a complaint for failure to include citizen summaries with the minutes. This Library Commission has never made a movement toward reason without being forced to.

When I started there was no public comment, no documents available, and no right to attend the meeting. Progress has been made, but not willingly on the Commission's part.

Mr. Hartz' statement actually was that it makes no sense to uncritically rely on the City Attorney because half the complaints at Sunshine are against the City Attorney itself. The continuation is omitted when he went on to state that free speech includes how that free speech is treated and that it should be respected.

Lurilla Harris began her comments with the statement that she had gotten nowhere with the leaders of this building, also omitted.

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